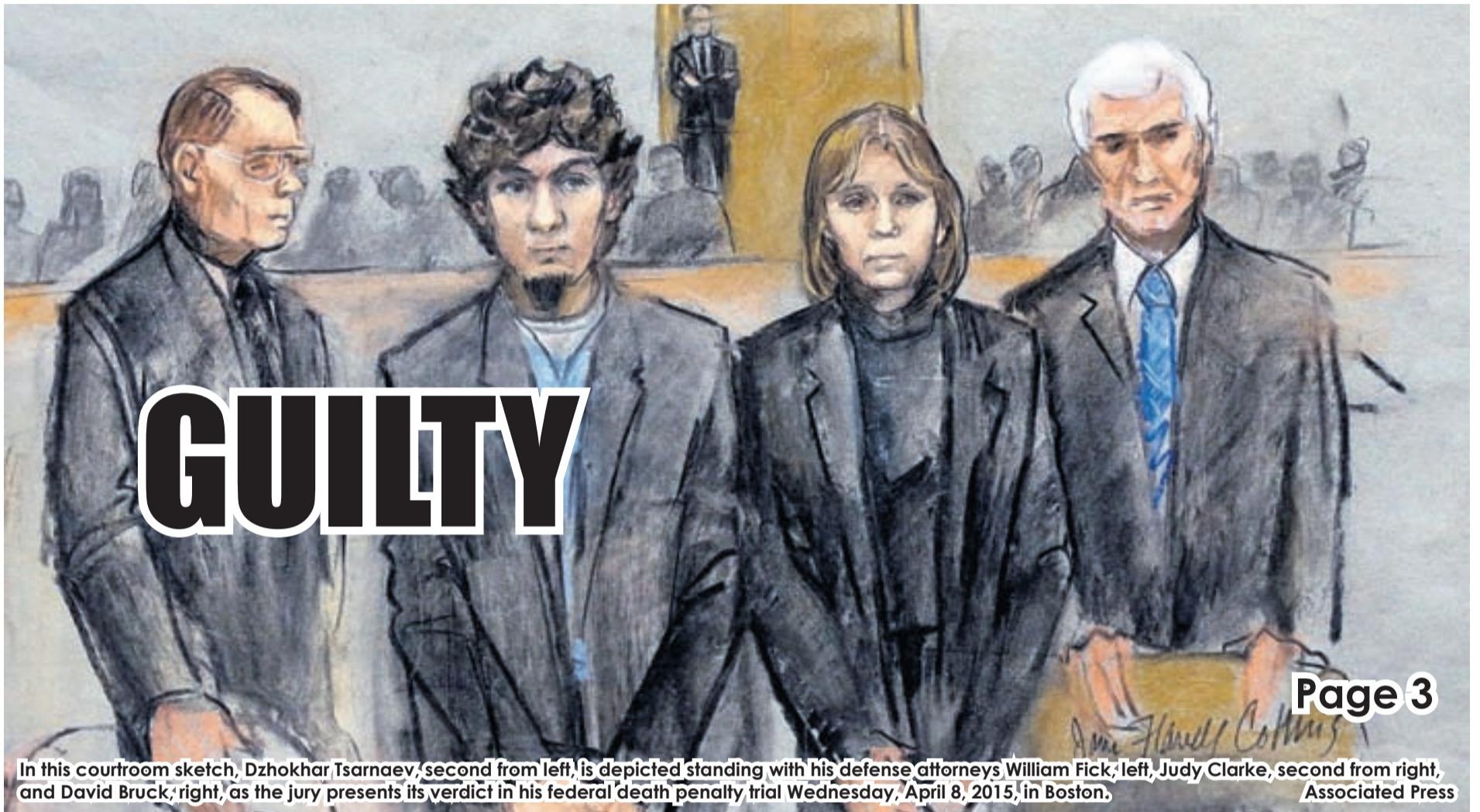


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In this courtroom sketch, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, second from left, is depicted standing with his defense attorneys William Fick, left, Judy Clarke, second from right, and David Bruck, right, as the jury presents its verdict in his federal death penalty trial Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in Boston. Associated Press



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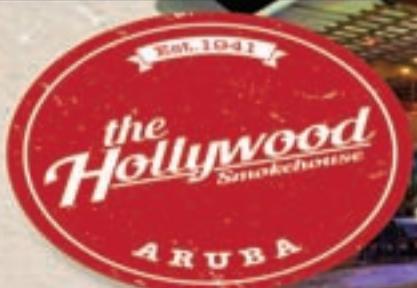
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## Tsarnaev guilty on all charges in Boston Marathon bombing

**DENISE LAVOIE,**  
**AP Legal Affairs Writer**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was convicted on all charges Wednesday in the Boston Marathon bombing by a jury that will now decide whether the 21-year-old should be executed or shown mercy for what his lawyer says was a crime masterminded by his big brother.

The former college student stood with his hands folded, fidgeted and looked down at the defense table in federal court as he listened to the word "guilty" recited on all 30 counts against him, including conspiracy and deadly use of a weapon of mass destruction. Seventeen of those counts are punishable by death.

The verdict, reached after a day and a half of deliberations, was practically a foregone conclusion, given his lawyer's startling admission at the trial's outset that Tsarnaev carried out the terror attack with his now-dead older brother, Tamerlan.

The 12-member jury must be unanimous for Tsarnaev to receive a death sentence; otherwise the penalty will be life behind bars. The defense strategy is to try to save Tsarnaev's life in the upcoming penalty phase by arguing he fell under the evil influence of his brother.

Prosecutors, however, portrayed the brothers — ethnic Chechens who moved to the United States from Russia more than a decade ago — as full partners in a brutal and cold-

blooded plan to punish the U.S. for its wars in Muslim countries. Jihadist writings, lectures and videos were found on both their computers, though the defense argued that Tamerlan downloaded the material and sent it to his brother. The two shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs that exploded near the finish line on April 15, 2013, killed three spectators and wounded more than 260 other people, turning the traditionally celebratory home stretch of the world-famous race into a scene of carnage and putting the city on edge for days. Tsarnaev was found responsible not only for those deaths but for the killing of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer who was gunned down days later.

"It's not a happy occasion, but it's something," said Karen Brassard, who suffered shrapnel wounds on her legs. "One more step behind us."

She said Tsarnaev appeared "arrogant" and uninterested during the trial, and she wasn't surprised when she saw no remorse on his face as the verdicts were read. She refused to say whether she believes he deserves the death penalty, but she rejected the defense argument that he was simply following his brother's lead.

"He was in college. He was a grown man who knew what the consequences would be," Brassard said. "I believe he was 'all in' with the brother."

Tsarnaev's lawyers left the

courthouse without commenting.

In the penalty phase, which could begin as early as Monday, the jury will hear evidence on whether he should get the death penalty or spend the rest of his life in prison.

Defense attorney Judy Clarke argued that Tsarnaev was led astray by his radicalized brother, telling the jury: "If not for Tamerlan, it would not have happened." She repeatedly referred to Dzhokhar — then 19 — as a "kid" and a "teenager."

Tamerlan, 26, died when he was shot by police and run over by his brother during a chaotic getaway attempt days after the bombing.

The government called 92 witnesses over 15 days, painting a hellish scene of torn-off limbs, blood-splattered pavement, ghastly screams and the smell of sulfur and burned hair.

Survivors gave heartbreakingly testimony about losing legs in the blasts or watching people die. The father of 8-year-old Martin Richard described making the agonizing decision to leave his mortally wounded son so he could get help for their 6-year-old daughter, whose leg had been blown off.

In the courtroom Wednesday, Denise Richard, the boy's mother, wiped tears from her face after the verdict. The boy's father, Bill Richard, embraced one of the prosecutors.

In Russia, Tsarnaev's father, Anzor Tsarnaev, told The Associated Press in recent



**Boston Marathon bombing survivor Karen Brassard, left, speaks alongside Laurie Scher, middle, and Mike Ward, Wednesday, April 8, 2015, outside federal court in Boston.**

**Associated Press**

days that he would have no comment.

The others killed in the bombing were Lingzi Lu, a 23-year-old Chinese graduate student at Boston University, and Krystle Campbell, a 29-year-old restaurant manager. MIT Officer Sean Collier was shot to death at close range days later.

Some of the most damning evidence at the trial included video showing Tsarnaev planting a backpack containing one of the bombs near where the 8-year-old boy was standing, and incriminating statements scrawled inside the dry-docked boat where a wounded and bleeding Tsarnaev was captured days after the tragedy.

"Stop killing our innocent people and we will stop," he wrote.

Tsarnaev's lawyers barely cross-examined the government's witnesses and called just four people to the stand over less than two days, all in an effort to portray the older brother

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## Obama lobbies Congress on Iran; Dems seek changes to bill

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Democratic senators are intent on changing a bill that would give Congress a say in an emerging nuclear deal with Iran — tweaks that could make it more palatable to President Barack Obama, who called two key senators on Wednesday to lobby against undermining diplomatic efforts to end a standoff with Tehran.

The president's calls to Republican Sen. Bob Corker, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and the committee's top Democrat, Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, were the latest consultations in the White House's full-court press to convince Congress that



In this March 1, 2015, file photo, Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., speaks during at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Policy Conference in Washington. Associated Press

an international framework agreement reached last week is the best way to prevent Tehran from developing a nuclear weapon.

"I am trying to bridge the differences here — not that I feel I'll be able to get the president as a cheerleader to the bill but try to deal with some legitimate

concerns," Cardin said in an interview.

Cardin, who spoke with the president for about 15 minutes, said he hopes an amended bill can carry out two purposes: provide Congress with an orderly way to review any final agreement reached with Iran and mandate periodic reports on compliance so Congress can take action if Iran violates a final deal — if it can be reached.

Obama has threatened to veto the bill, which was introduced by Corker of Tennessee and Sen. Bob Menendez, D-New Jersey. Standing by the president, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday expressed her opposition to the bill, saying it undermines the international negotiators' ability to reach a final agreement with Iran and "represents an unnecessary hurdle to achieving a strong, final agreement."

Whether the measure could garner a two-thirds majority in the full Senate to override a presidential veto is not known, but it's clear there is bipartisan support for finding a way for Congress to weigh in on any deal, regardless of whether the White House wants it to or not.

"I would hope that if we get it done the way I'm hoping to get it done that the concerns that the president has raised" will be addressed, said Cardin, who is proposing more than a handful of amendments. "Now, the president may feel compelled because of separation of powers to veto it. I understand that." White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Obama's conversation with Corker was not an opportunity for the two men

to negotiate the terms of legislation, but rather a chance for the president to speak directly to the chairman to "underscore his view about the opportunity that now exists."

"The mode that we're in right now is helping members of Congress understand exactly what's included in the commitments that Iran has made thus far," Earnest said. "And our principle concern is to make sure that the U.S. officials who are responsible for negotiating the details of this agreement have the time and space that they need to complete this agreement by the end of June."

On Capitol Hill, the focus is on the committee, which is scheduled to vote on the bill Tuesday. As it's written, the Corker-Menendez bill would require Obama to submit any final agreement reached with Iran to Congress within five days. It would require Obama to send a report that explains the extent to which the secretary of state will be able to verify that Iran is complying with the deal.

The bill also would require the White House to certify that the agreement does not jeopardize U.S. national security, including preventing Iran from pursuing nuclear-related military activities. In implementing any final deal, Obama could lift sanctions imposed through presidential action, but the bill would prohibit him — for 60 days — from suspending, waiving or otherwise easing any sanctions that Congress imposed on Iran. During that 60-day period, Congress could hold hearings and approve, disapprove or take no action on any final nuclear agreement with Iran. □

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## Energy security, good will top Obama agenda in Jamaica visit

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**Associated Press****KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)**

The Caribbean region collectively cheered when President Barack Obama was first elected president in 2008. Calypso and reggae songs were written in his honor, the French Caribbean island of Martinique named a road after him, and Antigua's highest mountain officially became "Mount Obama" as the small country saluted him as a symbol of black achievement.

The first president to visit Jamaica in three decades, Obama arrived in Kingston Wednesday evening trying to rekindle an enthusiasm that has waned amid a perceived lack of attention from the American president.

Obama was greeted by Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller, U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica Luis Moreno and a dozen other dignitaries.

Obama's trip is more than just an effort in rebuilding popularity, though. His meetings Thursday with Simpson Miller and with other leaders in the 15-member Caribbean Community are weighted with self-interest.

China has steadily expanded its economic alliances in the Caribbean, and the region is seeking to reduce its dependence on subsidized oil from an economically struggling Venezuela. China is providing much of the financing for new roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects.

"China is running away with the gold in the view of many region watchers. Its footprint is visible and obvious through its 'check-

book' diplomacy in the Caribbean," said Anthony Bryan, an international relations professor at Trinidad's campus of the University of the West Indies, a public university system serving 18 English-speaking countries and territories.

"We, in looking at the region, saw that a number of the (Caribbean) countries had significant energy needs," said Benjamin Rhodes, a White House deputy national security adviser. "At the same time, the United States has significant resources, not just in terms of our own energy production, but also in our energy infrastructure, in our ability to work with countries that have formed cooperative solutions to promote energy security."

There are growing signs that the U.S. is stepping up its focus on the Caribbean to help fill a potential void left by Venezuela's scaled-back oil diplomacy. Earlier this year, Vice President Joe Biden hosted prime ministers and other top officials from all Caribbean countries except Cuba at the first Caribbean Energy Security Summit in Washington. The focus was on exploring ways to help Caribbean nations obtain financing from international financial institutions to convert diesel-powered energy plants to natural gas and increase alternative energy sources.

"As the economic crisis in Venezuela escalates, countries reliant on Petrocaribe, the dubious Venezuela-led oil alliance, will need alternative energy sources sooner rather than later. Look for Caribbean leaders to articulate that urgency," said Jason Marcinkak, deputy director of



**U.S. President Barack Obama waves during his arrival on Air Force One, Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Norman Manley International Airport in Palisadoes, Jamaica.**

**Associated Press**

the Latin America Center at the Washington-based Atlantic Council, a non-partisan foreign policy think tank.

Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz traveled with Obama on Air Force One. Obama's visit to Jamaica is the first one by a U.S. president since President Ronald Reagan in 1982. He was last in the Caribbean region in 2009 when he attended the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad. This time, Obama's stop in Kingston comes ahead of his attendance at this year's summit of the Western Hemisphere's heads of government Friday and Saturday in Panama.

While Obama T-shirts and bumper stickers can still be seen on Caribbean islands where many people share a similar racially mixed family tree as the U.S. president, the fact that the

American leader is partly of African heritage is no longer heralded as marking an era of tolerance and possibility.

"I think some people around here hoped Obama could make the world's problems go away but this world has a whole heap of problems that are never going away. But Caribbean people will always like Obama because we can see ourselves in Obama," Jamaican furniture upholsterer Llewellyn Clarke said as he waited for a bus near the U.S. Embassy in the island's capital of Kingston.

The U.S., long the dominant influence in much of the Caribbean, remains the top trading partner of many countries in the region and their largest market for tourism. Yet for years there has been a chorus of complaints that, other than anti-drug ef-

orts, Washington no longer pays much attention to the region once described by Reagan as America's "fourth border."

"Any interest that the American government shows in the Caribbean is an improvement because we have been ignored completely throughout the two terms of the Bush presidency and most of the two terms of this one," said Damien King, a prominent economist in Jamaica who is co-executive director of regional think tank Caribbean Policy Research Institute.

Rhodes, the deputy national security adviser at the White House, did not dispute the perception that the United States "has not engaged these countries as significantly as we should." But he said creating partnerships and investing in the region will help address those doubts. □

## Feds add 2 more victims to priest's sexual tourism case

JOE MANDAK  
Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — A new federal indictment adds two more victims to the case of a Roman Catholic priest accused of traveling to Honduras to have sex with poor street children during missionary trips. The Rev. Joseph Maurizio Jr., 69, has been jailed since last fall when federal prosecutors accused him of molesting one boy and possessing child pornography. The new indictment returned Tuesday also charges the suspended priest with sending \$8,000 to a charity to help facilitate the trips which ended in 2009. None of the alleged victims are named, but all are under 18, according to the indictment.

Maurizio's attorney, Stephen Passarello, told The Associated Press that the charges in the new indictment came as no surprise.

"We have already prepared for them and already have, through our investigative team in Honduras, witnesses lined up to challenge the veracity of the allegations," he said.

In the indictment, Maurizio is charged with engaging in illicit sexual conduct in foreign places — also referred to as sexual tour-

ism, or the act of traveling abroad to commit child-sex acts that are illegal in the United States.

He's also charged with three counts of transferring money out of the country used to promote an illegal activity.

Passarello has previously claimed that a rival charity, ProNino USA, and unspecified Dutch atheists have conspired to bribe poor Honduran children to accuse the priest.

ProNino USA didn't respond to a message Wednesday seeking comment on the new charges against Maurizio.

Among other things, he's charged with sending \$8,000 in three installments to ProNino USA in 2007 and 2008 to finance his alleged sex trips. The charity is not accused of wrongdoing, nor does the indictment suggest that officials with the charity knew the purpose of Maurizio's trips.

Maurizio has been jailed since Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arrested him in September.

A criminal complaint filed then, which contains more details than the indictment, alleges Maurizio gave boys candy and money so



This Sept. 29, 2014 file photo, Rev. Joseph Maurizio, left, a former priest at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Central City, Pa., is led by US Marshals into U.S. federal court in Johnstown, Pa., for a detention hearing on charges of engaging in illicit sex in foreign countries and possession of child pornography.

Associated Press

he could molest them — including performing a sex act on a 14-year-old in a chapel — or watch the boys have sex. It happened during mission trips to Honduras with his self-run charity in 2009 and

prior years, according to the complaint.

Maurizio has been placed on leave from the Somerset County church he also pastored, Our Lady Queen of Angels. □

## Deep-sea treasure hunter pleads guilty to contempt of court

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — A deep-sea treasure hunter who spent years as a fugitive after refusing to testify about gold he discovered in a historic shipwreck pleaded guilty Wednesday to contempt of court. Tommy Thompson, 62, pleaded guilty to the criminal contempt charge in federal court in Columbus.

Thompson went missing three years ago amid demands he appear in court. He and his longtime female companion, Alison Antekeier, were apprehended in January at a hotel where he was living near Boca Raton, Florida.

Thompson has faced accusations of cheating investors since he discovered the S.S. America, known as the Ship of Gold, in 1988. The gold-rush era ship sank in a hurricane off South Carolina in 1857 with thousands of pounds of gold aboard.

Thompson, then an oceanic engineer at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, and his crew brought up thousands of bars and coins, much of them later sold to a gold marketing group in 2000 for about \$50 million.

The 161 investors who paid Thompson \$12.7 million to find the ship never saw the proceeds. Two sued



This undated photo released by the Delaware County Sheriffs Office shows Tommy Thompson.

Associated Press

both the government and other "interested parties in connection with the matter," Thompson's attorney Ben Dusing said last week. Thompson's attorney Ben Dusing said in a statement he hopes the plea agreement is a first step toward ending a decade of lawsuits. Antekeier had also been charged with criminal contempt last week. Her attorney Dennis McNamara said she has also agreed in a plea agreement to admit to the charge. Thompson had been in custody in Ohio for several weeks following his extradition from Florida. U.S. marshals in Ohio and Florida worked for more than two years to track down Thompson before his arrest, and said he had been planning to disappear for some time.

Police say he had eight fake identification cards during a 2008 arrest at a Florida gas station. After his disappearance four years later, authorities found evidence at the Vero Beach mansion he rented between 2006 and 2012, where he paid rent in cash and put the utilities in the landlord's name.

Inside the mansion were pre-paid disposable cellphones and bank wraps for \$10,000, along with a book called "How to Live Your Life Invisible." □

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## L.A. mayor envisions greener, more walkable city in the future

ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Los Angeles, known for its cars, smog and sprawl, wants to reinvent itself as the home of electric vehicles, solar panels and bicycle paths.

Mayor Eric Garcetti on Wednesday unveiled an ambitious plan to make LA the most sustainable big city in the U.S. over the next two decades, a place where people ride bikes, board buses and trains, and even walk to get around.

Drinking water would come from local sources instead of faraway imports. Solar panels would glimmer from rooftops like the lights at a Hollywood premiere. Fewer residents would breathe polluted air.

"It's not impossible. These changes take a long time," said Stephanie Pincetl, who heads the California Center for Sustainable Communities at UCLA, which reviewed the mayor's goals.

The notion of an environmentally conscious and pedestrian-friendly LA may seem at odds with its reputation. City officials said some of the money to fund the various goals will come from annual budget requests and partnerships with the private sector. But it's unclear how some of the longer-term projects will be funded.

Environmentalists said they were encouraged by the vision but acknowledged there was still more work to be done.

"For years, living sustain-



This Dec. 13, 2013 file photo shows from left, electric cars from Nissan, Tesla, and Toyota presented at a news conference in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

ably in the urban environment has been given more lip service than action," Joel Reynolds of the Natural Resources Defense Council said in a statement.

Reynolds called the mayor's blueprint "reassuring."

The LA Area Chamber of Commerce said it supports cost-effective efforts to improve the city. But "we need time to review the plan and assess its impact on LA's business community and economy," the group's president Gary Toebben said in a statement.

Some changes are already underway.

LA is in the midst of expanding its public rail network designed to ease congestion and encourage public transportation. In the last several years, the city has invested in solar energy and set water conserva-

tion targets amid the ongoing drought.

Among LA's short-term goals: Install 1,000 new charging stations for electric vehicles; clean up contaminated groundwater in the San Fernando Valley and create more green jobs. In the coming decades, the city wants to achieve zero waste, replace its municipal fleet with electric vehicles, expand the use of recycled water and help residents cut down on car trips.

Some of the goals were previously announced, including the call for a 20-percent reduction in the city's per-person use of fresh water by 2017 to deal with the drought. □



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## Video of South Carolina police shooting inflames debate

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP)** — The fatal shooting of a black man running from a white police officer inflamed the nation's debate over police use of force Wednesday, and the mayor and police chief of South Carolina's third-largest city said they were "sickened" by what a bystander's video revealed.

The officer, who has been charged with murder, was fired, and the mayor said he ordered enough body cameras for every officer on the street. But that did little to quell the outrage of an angry crowd at North Charleston's City Hall, and the officials were shouted down by protesters calling



**Robert Jackson holds a sign during a protest in shooting death of Walter Scott at city hall in North Charleston, S.C., Wednesday, April 8, 2015.**

Associated Press

for justice.

The shooting in North Charleston came amid an ongoing nationwide debate over issues of trust between law enforcement and minority communities. The officer reported that he fired in self-defense after the suspect he pulled over Saturday for a broken brake light grabbed his stun gun. Police shared his version with the public and promised a full investigation.

But the officer's story quickly unraveled after a nervous bystander's shaky video was shared with the



**A man holds a sign during a protest for the shooting death of Walter Scott at city hall in North Charleston, S.C., Wednesday, April 8, 2015.**

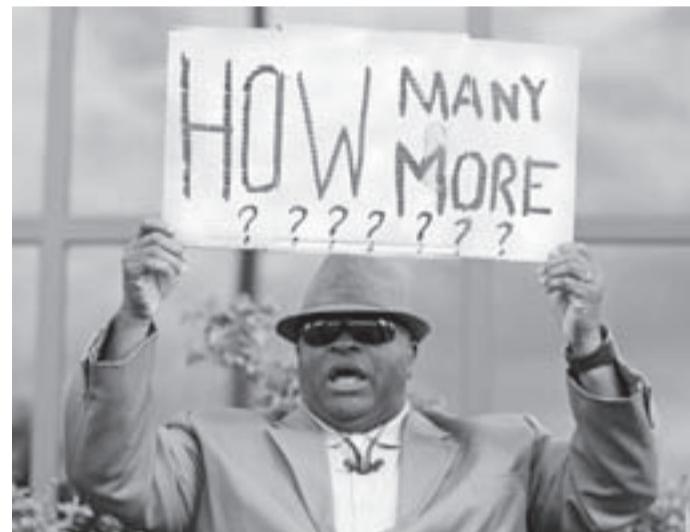
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dead man's family and then the world.

It shows Patrolman Michael Thomas Slager firing repeatedly at Walter Lamer Scott as the unarmed 50-year-old tries to flee. The video begins with what appears to be a brief physical altercation over the officer's Taser, which falls to the ground shortly before the officer pulls out his Glock pistol and fires eight times. Scott then crumples to the ground about 30 feet (9 meters) away. Not once in the moments before or during the shooting can the officer be heard yelling "stop" or telling the man to surrender.

Moments later, the officer is seen walking back and picking up what appears to be the Taser, then returning to drop it at Scott's feet as another officer arrives to check the dying man's condition.

The video changed everything, authorities and advocates said Wednesday. "What if there was no video? What if there was no witness, or 'hero' as I call him, to come forward?" L. Chris Stewart, a lawyer for the dead man's family, told The Associated Press. "We didn't know he existed. He came out the blue."



**Rev. Arthur Prioleau holds a sign during a protest in the shooting death of Walter Scott at city hall in North Charleston, S.C., Wednesday, April 8, 2015.**

Associated Press

Slager was promptly abandoned by his attorney and charged with murder after the video was made public by the slain man's family Tuesday afternoon.

Mayor Keith Summey announced that the officer was immediately fired and that he's ordering 150 more body cameras, so that every uniformed officer on the street will wear one, a key demand of the Black Lives Matter movement that is growing nationwide. "I have watched the video. And I was sickened by what I saw. And I have not watched it since," Police Chief Eddie Diggers said. The news conference was

meant to quiet the uproar, but both the mayor and chief were interrupted by chants of "no justice, no peace" and others shouted questions they said they could not answer.

Outside City Hall, local organizer Muhiydin D'Baha repeatedly yelled, "Eight shots in the back!" through a bullhorn. The crowd yelled, "In the back!" in response, aiming to coin a new phrase to supplant the "hands up, don't shoot!" refrain that grew out of other officer-involved killings.

Scott's family and Stewart appealed to keep protests peaceful, saying the mur-

der charge shows the system is working in this case so far.

But Stewart does plan to sue police, and said they acted decisively only because of the video, which was recorded by a whispering man who tried to avoid the officers' attention as he peered over a chain-link fence into the empty lot where Scott died.

That man, Feidin Santana, told NBC on Wednesday that he approached the scene because he noticed Slager controlling Scott on the ground and heard the sound of a Taser before Scott got loose and ran away. "I remember the police had control of the situation," Santana said. "He had control of Scott. And Scott was trying just to get away from the Taser."

Local police turned over the investigation to state law enforcement. The video also prompted the FBI and the Justice Department's civil rights prosecutors to announce a federal probe Wednesday. At the White House, spokesman Josh Earnest said the video is "awfully hard to watch" and said he wouldn't be surprised if President Barack Obama has seen it, "given the amount of media attention that this issue has received."

Slager appeared without a lawyer at his first court hearing Tuesday and was held without bond for murder, which could put him in prison for 30 years to life.

Police also said investigators are reviewing a police dash-cam video that may show the beginnings of the traffic stop, and they released radio dispatch traffic, including the sound of Slager breathing heavily as he chases Scott into the empty lot. A passenger in Scott's car also was detained, according to the police reports.

The video begins after both men have left their cars, and after Slager appears to hit Scott with a Taser. Scott pulls away, and the object falls to the ground, trailing wires. □

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## Afghan soldier kills 1 U.S. soldier, several others injured

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— An Afghan soldier shot and killed a U.S. soldier and wounded several others Wednesday before being shot dead, the first so-called "insider attack" to target NATO troops since they ended their combat mission at the start of the year.

The shooting happened after Afghan provincial leaders met a U.S. Embassy official at the compound of the Nangarhar provincial governor in the city of Jalalabad. All U.S. Embassy staff were accounted for and safe, the diplomatic mission said.

"Right after the U.S. official had left, suddenly an Afghan army soldier opened fire on the U.S. soldiers who were present in the compound," said Afghan Gen. Fazel Ahmad Sherzad, the police chief for eastern Nangarhar province.

The American troops returned fire, killing the Afghan soldier, whom Sherzad identified as Abdul Azim of Laghman province.

The motive for his attack was not immediately known and no group claimed responsibility for the assault. In past attacks, Taliban insurgents have been known to wear Afghan police or military uniforms to stage attacks on the international troops. Others have opened fire apparently on the own accord, like an Afghan soldier who last year killed Maj.

Gen. Harold J. Greene, the highest-ranked U.S. officer to be slain in combat since 1970 in the Vietnam War. The attack was the second fatality suffered by NATO since the beginning of the year. The last incident in

which an American soldier was killed in Afghanistan was on Dec. 13, when a roadside bombing killed two U.S. troops in Parwan province. Also, an Afghan soldier killed three American contractors on Jan. 29 in another apparent insider attack.

NATO confirmed that one of its soldiers died

ing.

Information was sketchy and an eyewitness initially told The Associated Press that four U.S. troops had been wounded in the attack and were being treated at a clinic on the American base in Jalalabad. Later, Cmdr. Elissa Smith, a Pentagon spokeswoman, confirmed that

"We're going to continue to work closely with President (Ashraf) Ghani, other members of the Afghan government and our international partners to support the Afghan government of national unity as it pursues a future of greater peace, prosperity and, finally, an end to this conflict," Earnest said.

tacks that threatened to shatter all trust between U.S. forces and the Afghan troops.

Such attacks are sometimes claimed by the Taliban as proof of their infiltration. Others are attributed to personal disputes or resentment by Afghans who have soured on the yearslong international presence in their country after the fall of the Taliban's ultra-conservative Islamic regime.

In February, U.S. Gen. John F. Campbell, the commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the U.S.-led coalition continues to "implement mitigations to avoid patterns and prevent complacency" that can lead to such insider attacks.

"These measures have reduced, but not eliminated, the threat. We will remain vigilant to prevent future insider attacks," Campbell said.

The Western-backed Afghan government's nearly 13-year war against insurgents has intensified in the wake of the pullout of foreign combat forces, as both sides seek to strengthen their positions ahead of possible peace talks.

Meanwhile, two Afghans were killed and three were wounded in an ambush late Tuesday aimed at the Afghan police in eastern Kunar province, which lies along the border with Pakistan and where the Taliban have a strong presence.

Farid Dhekhan, the spokesman for the provincial police chief, said the attack in Narang district killed a man and woman from the same family. No police officers were wounded, he said. □



Gen. Fazel Ahmad Sherzad, police chief for the eastern Nangarhar province, speaks during a press conference in police headquarters, after an Afghan national army soldier opened fire on U.S. troops at the compound of the provincial governor, in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

in Wednesday's attack, without providing the nationality of the slain soldier. A Washington official confirmed the soldier was American, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information before an official announcement was made.

The U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, P. Michael McKinley, was not present at the time of the incident, Sherzad said. Neither Sherzad nor the U.S. Embassy identified the senior American diplomat at the meet-

"several" U.S. troops were wounded but could not clarify how many.

Noman Atefi, the spokesman for the Afghan National Army's eastern corps command, said one Afghan soldier had been killed and two others wounded in the shoot-out. It was not immediately clear if the fatality he was referring to was the attacker.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest, when asked about the shooting, said it "underscores that Afghanistan continues to be a dangerous place."

At the Pentagon, spokesman Col. Steve Warren said an investigation into the shooting was underway and indications suggested it was an insider attacker.

There were at least four insider attacks in Afghanistan in 2014. The worst was on Aug. 5, when the Afghan soldier shot and killed Greene and wounded 18. Insider attacks first surged in 2012 to become a tactic in the Taliban insurgency. That year, more than 60 coalition troops — most of them Americans — were killed in more than 40 at-

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## French far-right chief declares war on dad

ELAINE GANLEY  
 Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — The leader of France's far-right National Front launched an all-out offensive Wednesday against her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, opposing his candidacy in upcoming elections and entering into an open war with the man who helped found the party more than four decades ago.

Marine Le Pen, reacting to anti-Semitic remarks her father first made 28 years ago and recently repeated, said in a statement she will quickly convene the party's executive bureau to seek "means to best protect the political interests of the National Front." She said in an interview with the daily *Le Figaro* that she had spoken with her 86-year-old father and informed him that she will oppose his candidacy in December regional elections to represent an area of southern France where he is a popular figure — and where he might hope to win.

She said he could choose to run as a "dissident" candidate but that the party will be represented by someone else.

"I find myself obliged, in the interest of my country, to make a difficult decision that puts in question family ties," the 46-year-old leader told *Le Figaro*.

The National Front's political bureau will meet April 17 to select candidates, and that's when the elder Le Pen, who helped found the party in 1972, would be formally cut loose.

The anti-immigration party



In this Saturday Nov. 29, 2014 file photo, French far-right Front National leader Marine Le Pen and her father Jean-Marie Le Pen applaud during the 15th congress of the party, in Lyon, central France.

Associated Press

is one of the most visible far-right groups in Europe and has for decades been a critical factor in French politics, thrusting immigration to the top of the mainstream right's agenda and playing kingmaker in elections. Jean-Marie Le Pen shocked the world when he made it to the runoff of the 2002 presidential vote. Marine Le Pen took over the reins of the party in 2011 from her father, who was named honorary president for life. Since then she has been refitting it with a new, more voter-friendly image with hopes of running in — and winning —

the 2017 presidential vote. She has pushed out many old-guard cohorts of her father in her bid to scrub the party clean of the anti-Semitic and racist past and has gained increased electoral support. "Jean-Marie Le Pen seems to be in a veritable spiral between scorched earth and political suicide," Marine Le Pen said in a statement, of a rare indignant candor.

His status "doesn't authorize him to take the National Front hostage," she said, adding that his "objective seems to be to drown me." The two Le Pens have joust-

ed repeatedly in the past. However, the decision to punish her father by opposing his candidacy was unprecedented.

The feud, more than previous disputes, appears to lay bare the two faces of the National Front, the ultra-conservative wing represented by Jean-Marie Le Pen and a northern contingent, often younger like daughter Le Pen.

"It's a discussion about the fundamentals. It's not a family quarrel," said party vice-president Florian Philippot, a top lieutenant of Marine Le Pen who has deeply influenced party

policies. Father Le Pen triggered the clash with an interview last week in which he repeated comments that the Nazi gas chambers were a "detail in history," remarks for which he was once convicted. He has been repeatedly convicted of racism or anti-Semitism over the years.

He also told the extreme-right newspaper *Rivarol* that the National Front has some "fervent Petainists" as followers, referring to Philippe Petain, who ran a Nazi collaborationist regime in the French city Vichy during World War II. □



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## Islamic State group releases over 200 captive Iraqi Yazidis

SAMEER N. YACOUB

Associated Press

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — The Islamic State group released more than 200 Yazidis on Wednesday after holding them for eight months, the latest mass release of captives by the extremists targeted by U.S.-led airstrikes and an Iraqi ground offensive.

Gen. Hiwa Abdullah, a peshmerga commander in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, said most of the freed 216 prisoners were in poor health and bore signs of abuse and neglect.

He added that about 40 children are among those released, while the rest were elderly.

No reason was given for the release of the prisoners who were originally abducted from the area around Sinjar in the country's north. The handover took place in Himera just southwest of Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad.

The freed captives wept and called out to God when greeted by their families, some so weak they lay on the arid ground.

Women wiped away tears with their long headscarves.

"We are very happy now," said Mahmoud Haji, one of the released Yazidis. "We were worried that they were taking us to Syria and Raqqa," the Islamic State group's de facto capital. Those needing medical care were taken away by ambulances and buses to receive treatment.

Also among those released was Jar-Allah Frensis, a 88-year-old Christian farmer, and his wife.

Frensis said the militants broke into his house in Sinjar and arrested him along with his wife and



**Yazidis released by Islamic State group militants rest sitting by Kurdish soldiers as they arrive in Kirkuk, 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, April 8, 2015.**

Associated Press

son. Then, the family was separated and the son was taken away. He said he still doesn't know what happened to his son.

"The militants took all of our money and jewelry. We have been living under constant fear till our release," Frensis told The Associated Press.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the release, his spokesman said.

"Obviously, any release of innocent civilians is to be welcomed and I think one couldn't help but being moved by the pictures" of the Yazidis after they were freed, U.N. spokesman Ste-

phane Dujarric said.

Tens of thousands of Yazidis fled in August when the Islamic State group captured the northern Iraqi town of Sinjar, near the Syrian border.

But hundreds were taken captive by the group, with some Yazidi women forced into slavery, according to international rights groups and Iraqi officials.

In January, the Islamic State group released some 200 Yazidi prisoners.

At the time, Kurdish military officials said they believed the extremists released the prisoners as they were too much of a burden. This lat-

est release comes after Iraqi ground forces, backed by U.S.-led airstrikes, retook the city of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown.

The Islamic State group still holds about a third of Iraq and neighboring Syria in its self-declared caliphate.

The U.S. launched the airstrikes and humanitarian aid drops in Iraq on Aug. 8, partly in response to the Yazidi crisis.

The Sunni militant group views Yazidis and Shiite Muslims as apostates deserving of death, and has demanded Christians either convert to Islam or pay a special tax. The group

has massacred hundreds of captive soldiers and tribal fighters who have risen up against it, publicizing the killings in sleek online photos and videos.

In other violence Wednesday in Iraq, police and hospital officials said a bomb exploded near an outdoor market in Baghdad's southeastern suburb of Nahrwan, killing four people and wounding 10.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists. □

# Chile's Bachelet says crisis is a chance for change

LUIS ANDRES HENAO

**Associated Press**

**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** — Faced with the lowest approval ratings of her career, Chilean President Michelle Bachelet acknowledged on Wednesday that corruption scandals had rocked the South American country but rejected any notion she might resign and sought to cast the situation as an opportunity. Chile's corruption is among the lowest in South America. But trust in politicians and the business elite has been eroded amid a recent bank loan scandal involving Bachelet's son, as well as a campaign financing scandal involving right-wing politicians and the Penta Group, a prominent financial company. Another tax-related election financing scandal at Chilean SQM fertilizer company forced the resignation of its chief executive. "There's a very serious crisis of confidence," Bachelet told foreign correspondents at the presidential palace. "But I'm con-

vinced that this crisis is a tremendous opportunity for us to advance in fixing those loopholes, strengthening the institutions so these types of situations are never repeated."

The recent controversy involving her family has

points in March to 31 percent, the lowest both for her current administration and her 2006-2010 presidency.

Bachelet said she's focused on pushing forward reforms, including an education overhaul, changing

seen as doing their job in a serious and responsible way," she said. "I think that's my duty, not improving my popularity ratings." Chile, the world's top copper producing country, is considered one of the best-managed economies in Latin America because of its prudent fiscal and macroeconomic policies and strong institutions.

Bachelet said that millionaires being arrested and the president's family being probed reinforced Chile's commitment to the rule of law.

The founders of the Penta financial company with interests in insurance, health and real estate were recently jailed while an investigation into tax evasion and bribery is carried out, and the president of Chile's right-wing Democratic Union party quit the party over that campaign financing scandal. Meanwhile, the fertilizing company SQM, which has some of the world's biggest reserves of lithium and nitrate, is being probed

after accusations that it financed campaigns by the same conservative party. Prosecutors are also investigating whether Bachelet's son, Sebastian Dávalos, and his wife, Natalia Compagnon, got privileged access to a \$10 million loan to buy land they later sold for about \$15 million. The loan was granted after the couple met with a Banco de Chile vice president, Andronico Luksic, one of Chile's richest men.

Bachelet has said that she's lived through some "painful moments" as a mother and president. Although she declined to comment on the scandal saying it's an ongoing investigation, she dismissed recent rumors sparked by a political commentator that she's going to step down as a result.

"Imagine that? The president resigning. That's a constitutional rupture," said Bachelet. "The truth has to be told, so just in case - I never thought about resigning and I don't plan on resigning at any time." □



In this Dec. 9, 2014 file photo, Chile's President Michelle Bachelet puts on her glasses during a 2014 Iberoamerican Summit event in Veracruz, Mexico. Associated Press

taken a particularly big toll on Bachelet's image, as she won the presidency last year promising to fight against Chile's inequalities. A recent poll shows Bachelet's approval rating dropped 8 percentage

points in March to 31 percent, the lowest both for her current administration and her 2006-2010 presidency.

"We have to focus on recovering trust and making sure the institutions are



Police escort former General Eugenio Vides Casanova to a car outside the airport in San Salvador, El Salvador, Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Associated Press

**MARCOS ALEMAN**

**Associated Press**

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)** — A former general linked to human rights abuses during El Salvador's civil war in the 1980s was deported by the U.S. on Wednesday and flown to his home country, where officials said he faces no charges or restrictions on his movements.

Ex-Gen. Eugenio Vides Casanova arrived at San Salvador's international airport on a federal flight along with 120 other de-

portees, Salvadoran immigration spokesman Mauricio Silva told The Associated Press.

"I saw him when he got off the plane," Silva said. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a statement that Vides Casanova's deportation came after the Board of Immigration Appeals upheld a judge's 2012 ruling that the ex-general was "removable for having 'committed, ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated' in acts of tor-

ture and extrajudicial killing."

Vides Casanova, a 77-year-old former defense minister and head of El Salvador's national guard, has been tied to killings and torture by Salvadoran soldiers under his command, including the deaths of three U.S. nuns and a lay churchwoman in 1980.

He had been living in Florida since he retired in 1989, but was taken into custody by U.S. immigration authorities in late March after the United States' top immigration court ruled that he should be deported. The case was brought under a 2004 law designed to keep those accused of human rights abuses in other countries from seeking refuge in the U.S.

Vides Casanova, who in the 1980s was twice awarded the U.S. government's Legion of Merit for battling leftist rebels, has

argued that his removal would be unfair because El Salvador's military tactics were backed by Washington at the time.

He still has an appeal pending with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, and Diego Handel, his lawyer, said via email that that process would continue.

Human rights activists and survivors of civil war abuses protested outside San Salvador's airport as the former general arrived. Among them was Juan Jose Romagoza, who filed a U.S. civil suit against Vides Casanova that resulted in a million-dollar judgment for him and two other Salvadoran plaintiffs in 2002.

"I was captured, wounded, tortured, held in the national guard's prisons under this general," Romagoza said. "I am here to demand justice, a search for truth and for him to go

## U.S. deportes Salvadoran ex-general tied to 1980s human rights abuses

on trial. Only then can we forgive."

Vides Casanova and other former military figures are shielded by an amnesty law covering crimes committed during the 1979-2002 civil war, in which over 75,000 people were killed and at least 10,000 more disappeared.

Human rights prosecutor David Morales said there is no warrant for Vides Casanova's arrest and he is free to move about the country, but he called on prosecutors to open a case regardless.

"These are crimes against humanity that are not subject to amnesty," Morales said.

Carolyn Patty Blum, senior legal adviser for the San Francisco-based Center for Justice and Accountability, called Vides Casanova's deportation a "historic moment" for civil war victims. □



## Demo glass blowing and expo at Terrafuse

Sunday April 12 Terrafuse opens its doors for the public from 2-6pm to enjoy the yearly Open House with a very special touch this year: guest artists from Australia, Venezuela and the Netherlands will demonstrate their skills in a sensational demo of glass blowing and flame working.

B. Jane Cowie from Australia, is an artist, designer and glassmaker. Her commitment to art, desire to learn & passion for glass inspires her to travel extensively, working in numerous glass making studios & factories to develop skill and an intimate understanding of glassmaking techniques. Currently living in Singapore, she creates large scale glass installations.

Giuliano Pinzancomes from a long family history of glass makers from Murano, Italy that emigrated to Venezuela and established there a glass factory. Giuliano is now the owner and director of a glass factory with more than 30 years of history and experience; it is a family run business that currently has around 25 workers. Giuliano has been making glass since he can remember, first helping his father and uncle as a boy and later taking on more responsibilities with the experience. He studied new glass techniques in England.

JanHein van Stiphout was trained as a sculptor at the academies in Tilburg, Den Bosch (the Netherlands) and Antwerpen(Belgium) but as the son of a glazier glass has always been "his" material. He not only exploits the typical qualities of glass but when needed pushes the envelope to the extreme. He is adept in all glass disciplines. He and his



partner Margriet Schoenmakers run the glass studio Stipglas in Tilburg.

During the last two weeks these glass artist have worked together with Ciro and Marian Abath from Terrafuse, training a group of 17 participants working with glass in a conceptual way. This project is called

"Glass 4x4" and has focused on 4 different hot glass techniques: Glass blowing, Kiln casting, Fusing and Lamp working. The three international trainers together with our local artist Ciro Abath have been supporting and guiding the participants in realising their plan/concept. Participants from Aruba where



joined by participants from the US, Singapore, the Netherlands and Curacao. Some of them had already experience with glass as a material, others had not.

From Aruba: Abigail Peterson/ Velvet Zoe Ramos / Dick Melchers/ Maurice Abath / Deborah de Weerd/ Adrië van der Linde/ Caroline de Waard / Natasha Kitty Beaujon / Jacob KoelewijnCuracao: Evelien Sipkes / Maritza Beaujon / Ossandra Lewis-Nieuw US: Yolanda Thigpen ,Singapore: Melissa Chan, TheNetherlands: Bernadette van der Klooster / Philip van Boxtel / Odette

Janssen. Their work will be showed in the cunucu-trail behind the Terrafuse studio. The project Glass 4x4 was supported by Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Caribbean Region and the younger Aruban participants have received support from UNOCA.

To give the public the chance to be 'hands-on' with hot glass, they can make a glass bead behind the torch, under guidance of experienced glass bead students. Everybody welcome April 12, 2-6pm, Turibana 14, Noord (check [www.arubaglassceramics.com](http://www.arubaglassceramics.com) for directions). □

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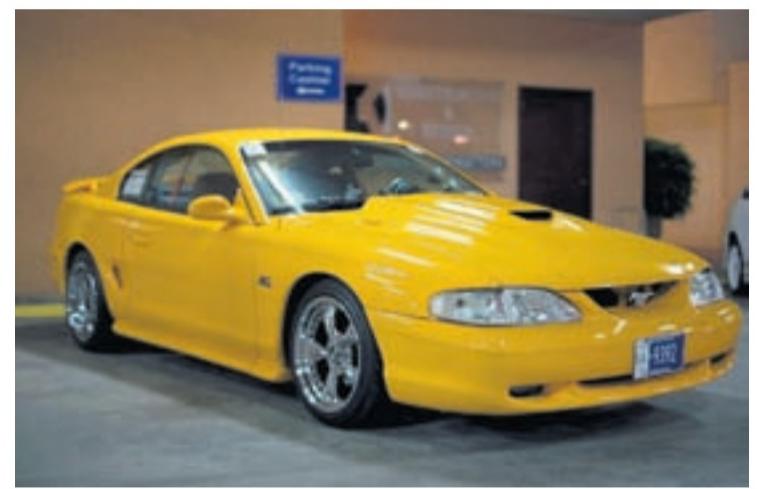
The latest installment in one of the most successful action movie franchises of the 21st century arrived at The Cinemas in Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall fast and furiously on Thursday, April 1. There was enormous anticipation of Paul Walker's final performance and excitement to see action mega-star Jason Statham as this episode's villain.

Arubans enthusiastically



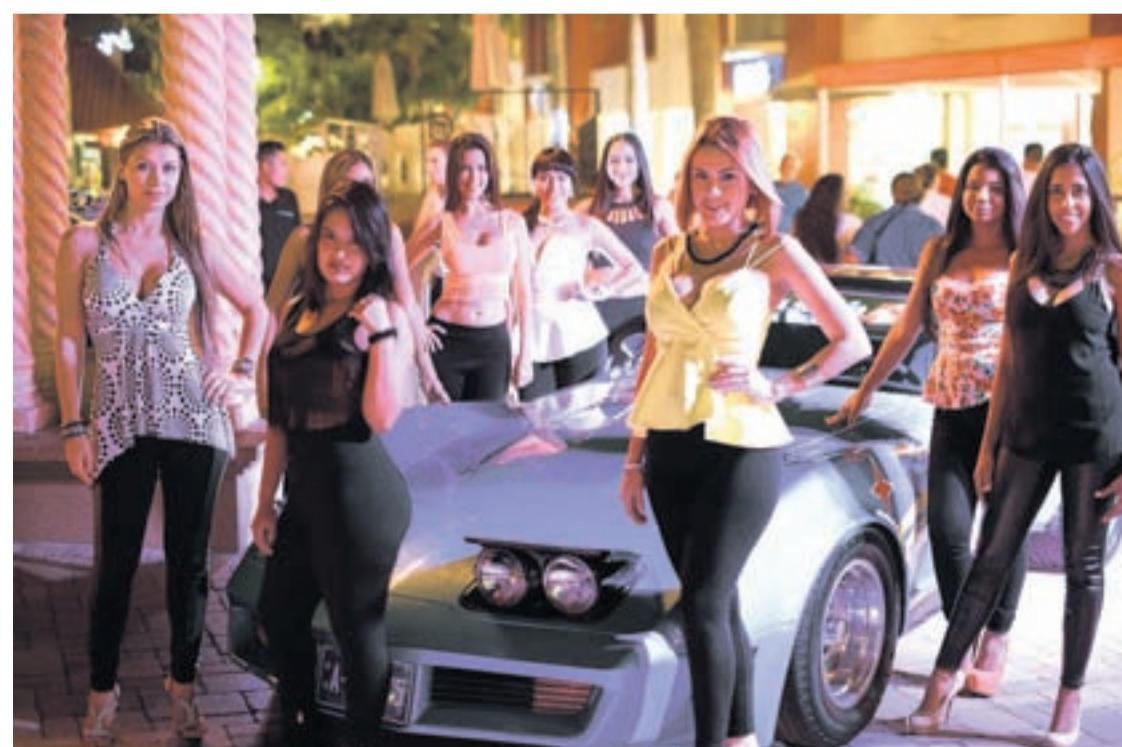
joined in the worldwide promotion, with a battalion of the island's most striking muscle cars on display during the marathon of "Fast & Furious 7" screenings on opening night, to meet the high demand for tickets. "We are thrilled to work in cooperation with Meta Corp and The Cinemas to offer this exciting opening day for this exception-

ally enjoyable film," stated Paseo Herencia Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn. The Cinemas Manager, Aneke Lampe, confirmed they were also very pleased to participate with cinemas across the globe for the spectacular opening of what many critics have hailed as "the best Fast & Furious yet, in the history of the franchise."



Great music from Nutzbeatz accompanied the impressive auto show, demonstrating the great artistry some islanders have lavished on their vintage Corvettes, Mustangs and other models that created quite a buzz. Needless to say, the owners proved to be devoted fans of the film series.

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dise Beach Villas and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, and being on Aruba and staying at the Paradise is like being home

for them. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Sandra Miller representing the Paradise Beach Villas. □

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Mr. Mike commented that she will never change his vacation island for any other island ,top reason for returning provided by the honorees were they con-

sider Aruba to be the "Happy Island", the great weather, and Friendly Aruban Hospitality, white sand beaches and the local food.

On the pictures Mr. Ricardo Croes from ATA together with Mike & Hayden with his family and also Gloria from Costa Linda Resort. □

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Eugenie Bouchard, from Canada, reacts to a bad shot against Lauren Davis during a match at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, S.C., Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

Associated Press

## Davis beats top-seeded Bouchard in Family Circle

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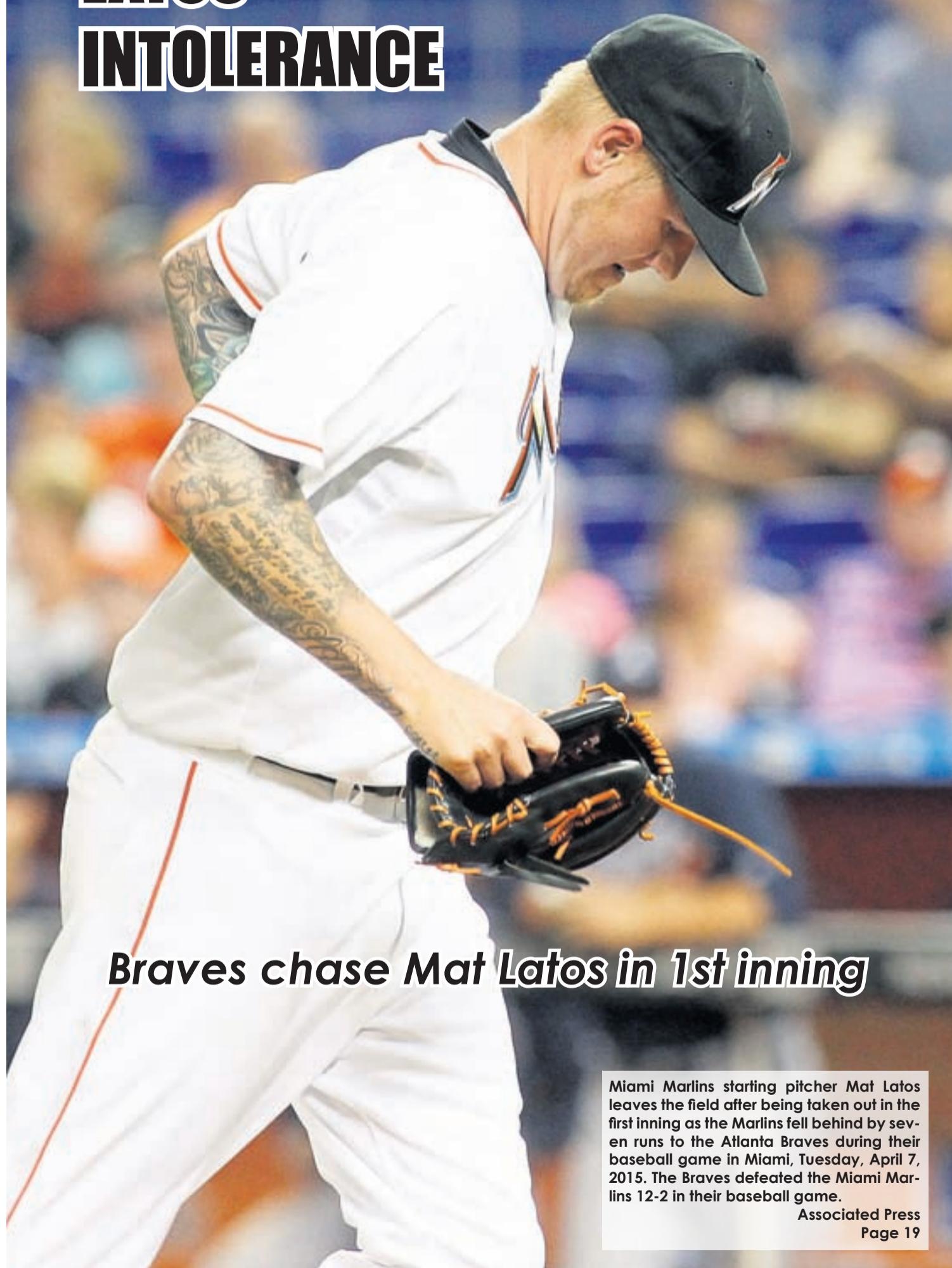
Eugenie Bouchard knew she was pointed to bigger things at the Family Circle Cup last spring. After the top-seeded Bouchard fell to unseeded American Lauren Davis in her opening match this time around, the Canadian star isn't sure where she's heading.

Bouchard, ranked seventh in the world, lost 6-3, 6-1 on Wednesday, a thorough beating that left her bothered and dissecting every aspect of her game.

"As soon as it was over, definitely a bit of anger, but also kind of this confusion, slash, like quest to find what's wrong, like this kind of searching feeling that, okay, like I know something's off," Bouchard said. "I know something's not right. So I want to find it."

A year ago, everything was going right for Bouchard.

## LATOS INTOLERANCE



## Braves chase Mat Latos in 1st inning

Miami Marlins starting pitcher Mat Latos leaves the field after being taken out in the first inning as the Marlins fell behind by seven runs to the Atlanta Braves during their baseball game in Miami, Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The Braves defeated the Miami Marlins 12-2 in their baseball game.

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# Masters offers a major learning curve for most players

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**AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)** — Tiger Woods was the exception. Ben Crenshaw was closer to the rule.

Woods joined up with Crenshaw to play the back nine Wednesday on the final day of practice for a Masters that is shaping up as a mystery in many ways. They are Masters champions with multiple green jackets. What separates them is how soon they got them.

Crenshaw had to suffer a little before he could celebrate his first major. He was a runner-up four times in the majors, including a playoff loss to David Graham at the PGA Championship, before he broke through in 1984 at Augusta National. He won another one in 1995.

Woods wasted no time. He won the first major he played as a pro by setting 20 records in his 1997 Masters victory, and that was only the start. He already had eight majors before he recorded his first runner-up finish. He had four green jackets before he turned 30.

More players have taken the Crenshaw route.

Tom Watson. Nick Price. Phil Mickelson. Adam Scott. The group even includes Jack Nicklaus, who was a 20-year-old amateur when he finished second behind Arnold Palmer in the 1960 U.S. Open. Nicklaus played that day with Ben Hogan, who also had a chance to win until he hit into the water on the 17th hole at Cherry Hills.

Hogan said after the round, "Don't feel sorry for me. I played with a kid today who could have won this Open by 10 shots if he had known now."

Nicklaus figured it out.

Also on that list is Rory McIlroy, who returns to the scene of his greatest lesson in a major.

He was a 21-year-old with a four-shot lead at the Masters in 2011,

ready to be crowned the next big thing in golf, when he shot 80 in the final round. He handled the collapse with remarkable poise, said he would learn from his mistakes. And then he posted scoring records at Congressional two months later in the U.S. Open.

"A lot of that win has to do with what happened at Augusta," Mc-

Ilroy said. "The Masters is even more meaningful now.

It's the only major keeping him from the career Grand Slam, and McIlroy will be the clear favorite when the Masters begins Thursday.

"Everything I've done, all the work I've done gearing up for this week has been good," McIlroy said. "I'm just ready for the gun to go off on Thursday."

The expectations are higher than ever for McIlroy, and lower than ever for Woods, who is competing for the first time since Feb. 5. That's

when he walked off the course at Torrey Pines to work on a game that had become so bad that hardly anyone recognized it.

Woods has shown much improvement in three days of practice, including the nine holes he played with Crenshaw and Jordan Spieth. McIlroy and Woods, even at different ends of the spectrum, have

he already paid his major dues.

A year ago, he was on the verge at age 20 of becoming the youngest Masters champion when he had a two-shot lead with 11 holes to play. Two bogeys put behind going into the back nine, and he never caught up to Watson.

"How much value do I take out of losing? A lot," Spieth said. "But I'm not one of those people who believe it was better for me not to win. I don't think I would have handled it the wrong way. I don't think Rory would have if he had won. He was saying he didn't feel ready to close that out and found out what he was doing wrong."

"I take a lot out of what happened, but I don't necessarily think it was better for me."

Padraig Harrington is another major champion who lost before he could win.

"The best preparation for winning is contending," Harrington said. The Irishman made bogey on the final hole at the 2002 British Open that cost him a spot in the playoff at Muirfield. He finished with three straight bogeys at Winged Foot in 2006 and finished two shots behind in the U.S. Open. A year later, he won the first of his three majors, going back-to-back at the end of 2008. "You do need to be in that situation a couple of times to be comfortable," Harrington said. "That's not true for everyone. But for most players, you have to lose a few before you can win a few." Maybe that explains why no Masters rookie has won a green jacket since Fuzzy Zoeller in 1979. Or why the Masters has the fewest number of first-time champions compared with the other three majors over the last 20 years.

McIlroy paid a steep price four years ago and found redemption in other majors right away. Still missing, however, is the green jacket. □



**Tiger Woods, left, and Ben Crenshaw embrace on the 18th green as they finish a practice round for the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., Wednesday, April 8, 2015.**

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dominated the talk so much this week that a large group of contenders have largely been ignored.

Bubba Watson is the defending champion and going for his third green jacket in four years. Adam Scott is back to the long putter he used to win in 2013. Spieth and Jimmy Walker might be the hottest players on the PGA Tour — Walker is the only player with two wins this season, Spieth has won, finished second and lost in a playoff his last three starts.

The question for Spieth is whether



**In this March 26, 2015 file photo, homes are inundated in mud in Chanaral, Chile.**

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**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** — 2016 Dakar Rally, citing flash floods that have hit

## Chile pulls out of 2016 Dakar due to flash-flood damage

the northern, desert region of the South American country.

The Chilean sports ministry said Wednesday it would not spend about \$7 million to host legs of the three-week rally, with the money being better used for rebuilding areas devastated by the flooding.

Sports minister Natalia Riffó said the decision was tak-

en after consulting with Dakar Rally organizers. She said the "door was open" to rejoining the rally in 2017. "One adapts to the reality of our citizens in the north," Riffó said. "Therefore, our immediate concern is to rebuilt the affected areas and channel the resources to people who need them."

The government says it will

spend about \$1.5 billion on rebuilding the area.

The rally this January covered legs in Argentina, Bolivia and Chile. It was not immediately clear how the rally would be re-routed next year to skip Chile.

The rally has been run in South America since 2009, moving from Africa because of security problems. □

**Baseball Capsules****Braves start with a bang to rout Marlins 12-2****The Associated Press****MIAMI (AP) — MIAMI (AP)**

The Atlanta Braves scored seven runs in the first inning off Mat Latos and beat the Miami Marlins for the second day in a row to start the season, 12-2 on Tuesday night. Latos (0-1), acquired in the offseason, lasted only two-thirds of an inning in the shortest outing of his career. He was booed as he left the game, his first for his hometown team, and departed with an ERA of 94.50.

Freddie Freeman, Christian Bethancourt and Chris Johnson hit RBI doubles in the first.

Alex Wood (1-0) allowed two runs in five innings, and three relievers completed a five-hitter.

**ORIOLES 6, RAYS 5**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Adam Jones hit a two-run double during a four-run first inning off Nathan Karns (0-1), who gave up six runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Steve Pearce homered for the second straight game, a two-run drive that made it 6-0 in the second.

Baltimore's Chris Davis went 0 for 3 and was hit by a in his return after a 25-game suspension for a positive amphetamine test.

Kevin Gausman (1-0) pitched 2 1-3 innings, and Zach Britton struck out three straight batters for his first save.

**ANGELS 2, MARINERS 0**

SEATTLE (AP) — C.J. Wilson allowed two hits over eight innings and David Freese provided all the offense with a two-run homer in Los Angeles' win over Seattle.

Wilson (1-0) wriggled out of a second-inning jam and retiring the final 17 batters he faced. The left-hander allowed three baserunners and needed only two strikeouts to shut down the Mariners.

Albert Pujols doubled with one out in the fourth, the first hit off Seattle starter James Paxton (0-1), and

Freese followed with a shot to right-center that barely cleared the fence. Huston Street pitched the ninth for his first save.

**PADRES 7, DODGERS 3**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wil Myers keyed a four-run ninth inning with a tie-breaking single that sent San Diego to a rain-delayed victory over Los Angeles.

Clint Barmes led off the ninth against Chris Hatcher (0-1) with a sin-

ging up the tying run on an eighth-inning homer by Adrian Gonzalez — his second in two days. Craig Kimbrel struck out the side in the ninth in his Padres debut.

**RANGERS 3, ATHLETICS 1**  
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A healthy Prince Fielder hit a pair of run-scoring singles to help Jeff Banister earn his first victory as a major league manager, and Texas bounced back to beat Oakland.

fielder Craig Gentry.

Keone Kela escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh in his big league debut. Neftali Feliz closed for his first save.

Jesse Hahn (0-1) yielded three runs and seven hits in six innings.

**ROCKIES 5, BREWERS 2**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jordan Lyles pitched six effective innings and Colorado hit six doubles for the second consecutive game in a victory over

**ANTS 6**

PHOENIX (AP) — Jake Lamb and David Peralta each hit a three-run homer to power Arizona past San Francisco.

Lamb finished with four RBIs, giving him a club-record seven in Arizona's first two games.

All seven runs were charged to Ryan Vogelsong (0-1), who allowed six hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Buster Posey and Brandon Crawford homered



Atlanta Braves third baseman Chris Johnson hits an RBI double in the first inning as Miami Marlins catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia, right, looks on during their baseball game in Miami, Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

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gle. Barmes went to third when catcher Yasmani Grandal overran a sacrifice bunt to the right of the plate by pinch-hitter Cory Spangenberg that had a lot of backspin on it, and hit him in the back with his throw to first.

Myers grounded the next pitch to right field to put the Padres ahead. Derek Norris followed with a two-run double, and Will Middlebrooks capped the rally with an RBI single. Joaquin Benoit (1-0) got the victory despite giv-

Colby Lewis (1-0) shut down his former club over six sharp innings in his season debut.

The Rangers were shut out on opening night when Sonny Gray took a no-hit bid into the eighth for the Athletics.

Texas snapped a scoreless streak of 21 regular-season innings when Fielder punched a single to shallow center in the third. Fielder also had an RBI single in the fifth, and the Rangers got another run on an error by right

Milwaukee.

Rockies hitters have 12 doubles in the first two games of the season, matching a major league record set by the New York Giants in 1912.

Lyles (1-0) limited the Brewers to two runs and five hits. Colorado pitchers retired their final 13 batters, and LaTroy Hawkins got his first save of the season.

Matt Garza (0-1) gave up four runs and eight hits in five innings.

**DIAMONDBACKS 7, GI-**

for the Giants. Posey had a two-run shot off Rubby De La Rosa (1-0), who gave up six runs and eight hits over 5 1-3 innings in his Diamondbacks debut.

Addison Reed earned the save, giving Arizona manager Chip Hale his first career victory.

Giants pitcher Matt Cain was placed on the 15-day disabled list before the game with a right forearm injury. First baseman Brandon Belt left in the fourth with a strained groin. □

**NHL Capsules****Rangers clinch 1st Presidents' Trophy since 1993-94**

**The Associated Press**

**NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) — NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Kevin Hayes and Ryan McDonagh scored 47 seconds apart in the first period and the New York Rangers defeated the New Jersey Devils 4-2 Tuesday night to win the President's Trophy for the best regular-season record for the third time in franchise history.

The Rangers' fifth straight win improved their record to 52-21-7 for 111 points. The 52-wins ties the franchise record and the point total is one less than that franchise mark, both set in 1993-94, the last time they won the Stanley Cup.

Cam Talbot made 19 saves and James Sheppard and Carl Hagelin added third-period goals as the Rangers swept the four-game season series with New Jersey.

Patrik Elias and Steve Bernier scored and Cory Schneider made 36 saves in the Devils final home game.

**SENATORS 4, PENGUINS 3, OT**

**OTTAWA, Ontario (AP)** — Mark Stone scored 2:43 into overtime to cap Ottawa's comeback from three goals down, preserving the Senators' playoff hopes.

Stone also scored in the third period, and Jean-Gabriel Pageau and Mike Hoffman had the Senators' other goals. Andrew Hammond had 25 saves for Ottawa, which played its final home game of the season.

Sidney Crosby and Patric Hornqvist had a goal and an assist each for the Penguins, and Beau Bennett scored for the first time in 31 games. Marc-Andre Fleury finished with 40 saves.

The Senators moved into a tie with Boston for the final wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference. Ottawa trails Pittsburgh, which holds the first wild-card spot, by one point.

Stone pulled the Senators to 3-2 in the opening minute of the third period, and Hoffman tied it with 1:48 remaining.

**FLYERS 5, ISLANDERS 4**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Brayden Schenn capped a wild final 2 minutes with the winning goal with 2.1 seconds left to lift Philadelphia.

With a playoff berth at stake, the Islanders wiped out a 4-1 deficit in the third period and nearly sent the game into overtime. Johnny Boychuk scored with 1:44 remaining in the game to make it 4-3 and Anders Lee tied it with 28 seconds to go.

Lee scored earlier in the period to start the rally.

The Islanders needed a win or a Pittsburgh win at Ottawa to clinch an Eastern Conference playoff berth. The Penguins, also chasing a playoff spot in the final days of the season, blew a 3-0 lead and lost 4-3 in overtime to the Senators. The Islanders play at Pittsburgh on Friday night.

Claude Giroux scored two goals and Pierre-Edouard Bellemare and Carlo Colaiacovo also had goals. **RED WINGS 3, HURRICANES 2**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Gustav Nyquist and Pavel Datsyuk scored in the third period, and Detroit moved

straight game and eighth out of nine, and Pavelec made it stand up one night after making 31 saves in a 2-0 victory at Minnesota. Pavelec has four shutouts overall.

The Jets, who have won three straight, are battling Los Angeles and Calgary for the final two playoff spots in the West.

Jake Allen made 30 saves for the Blues, who had won three straight and entered with a one-point lead in the Central over Nashville. St. Louis was without injured Vladimir Tarasenko and Alexander Steen for the fourth straight game, but

a third-period tie with his first NHL goal, Semyon Varlamov stopped 40 shots and Colorado handed Nashville its fourth straight loss. Calle Jarnkrok and Ryan Ellis had scored for the Predators, who remain a point behind St. Louis for the Central Division title with two games remaining. The Blues lost to Winnipeg 1-0 earlier.

Jarome Iginla and Ryan O'Reilly had goals 9 seconds apart in the second period for Colorado, which was eliminated from the playoff chase last week.

Hishon, playing in his 11th game since being recalled from Lake Erie of the AHL, split two Nashville defenders and beat Pekka Rinne with a wrist shot at 7:06 of the final period.

The Predators pulled Rinne with about 1:35 remaining, but they couldn't get anything by Varlamov. Nashville dropped to 6-10-3 since Feb. 26.

**FLAMES 3, COYOTES 2**

**CALGARY, Alberta (AP)** — Sean Monahan scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period to lift Calgary.

Monahan carried the puck up ice and into the Coyotes' zone and, after hitting the brakes in the slot, sent a shot past Mike Smith for his 31st goal of the season. It came less than 2 minutes after Arizona capitalized on a big mistake by Flames goalie Jonas Hiller to tie it. David Jones and Johnny Gaudreau also scored for the Flames, which swept the teams' five-game season series by a combined score of 20-8.

B.J. Crombeen and Craig Cunningham scored for the Coyotes. Calgary can clinch their first trip to the postseason in six years when it hosts Los Angeles.

**OILERS 4, KINGS 2**

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)** — Matt Fraser scored a pair of goals and Edmonton dealt a big blow to the playoff hopes of defending Stanley Cup champion Los Angeles.

Benoit Pouliot and Tyler Pitlick also scored for the Oilers, who snapped a three-game skid.

Jake Muzzin and Drew Doughty scored for the Kings, who have lost two straight at a time when they can't afford to let any points escape.

Los Angeles trails Winnipeg by three points and the Calgary Flames by two points with only two games remaining for all three teams in the hunt for the final two playoff spots in the Western Conference.

The Kings' loss clinched a playoff spot for the Vancouver Canucks. □



**Pittsburgh Penguins' Evgeni Malkin (71) falls onto Ottawa Senators' Bobby Ryan (6) during the second period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in Ottawa, Ontario.**

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closer to its 24th consecutive playoff berth.

Detroit could have clinched a postseason spot with the win over Carolina if Pittsburgh had beaten Ottawa in regulation, but the Penguins couldn't do that.

The Red Wings' streak of playoff berths is the longest active run in the four major U.S. pro leagues.

Detroit for only the sixth time in the last 18 games, and looked sluggish again while falling behind 2-1 in the second period, but Nyquist tied it less than two minutes into the third, and Datsyuk scored the game winner with 8:35 to play.

Jimmy Howard made 30 saves for Detroit, which was outshot 28-16 over the final two periods.

**JETS 1, BLUES 0**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Ondrej Pavelec stopped 30 shots for his second consecutive shutout and the Winnipeg Jets strengthened their bid for a Western Conference playoff spot.

Chris Thorburn gave the Jets the game's first goal for the fourth

both are expected back for the playoffs.

**WILD 2, BLACKHAWKS 1**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Devan Dubnyk made 32 saves to help Minnesota clinched a playoff spot.

Mikael Granlund and Jason Zucker scored in the third period for the Wild, who were coming off a 2-0 home loss to Winnipeg on Monday night. It was Zucker's first game since he broke his collarbone in the first period of a 5-3 victory over Vancouver on Feb. 9.

It was quite a turnaround from Minnesota's last visit to Chicago in January, when it lost 4-1 in the fifth game of a six-game slide. That losing streak dropped the Wild to 18-19-5, but they traded for Dubnyk on Jan. 14 and the veteran goaltender helped them turn their season around.

Bryan Bickell scored his 14th goal and Corey Crawford had 28 stops for the Blackhawks (48-26-6), who have lost two in a row.

**AVALANCHE 3, PREDATORS 2**

**DENVER (AP)** — Joey Hishon broke



# NFL hires Sarah Thomas, 1st full-time female official

By RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** -- Sarah Thomas saw the New York City area code pop up on her phone and started praying it was the NFL calling to say she'd been hired as a full-time game official. Not because that would make her the first woman to hold the job. Her hopes were those of any longtime official on the cusp of working at the sport's pinnacle. Thomas will be a line judge for the 2015 season, the league announced Wednesday. She's proud to serve as an example that anyone can succeed in any endeavor. But breaking down barriers was just a byproduct of her goals, not the goal itself.

"It's just a mindset of an official that you don't want to be seen or noticed," Thomas said on a conference call with reporters. Then again, the NFL doesn't typically host a conference call for a newly hired official. The 41-year-old Thomas was both self-assured and self-deprecating in fielding questions, unfazed by the attention



In this Aug. 15, 2014, file photo, developmental line judge Sarah Thomas smiles in the second half of a preseason NFL football game between the Seattle Seahawks and the San Diego Chargers in Seattle.

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but also trying to deflect it. She's already become the first female official at the major college football level and the first to work a bowl game. Thomas expects to still wear her hair tucked inside her cap. She started doing it on a suggestion that it would keep her from sticking out, though these days

it's more about habit than an attempt to blend in. "I think my hair's the least of my concerns," Thomas said, laughing. "probably stand out being the first," she added, "but as far as players and coaches, I've been around a good little while, and I think they know who I am and just want to make sure

I can do my job." Thomas was in the league's officiating development program in 2013 and '14 and has worked at mini-camps, training camps and exhibition games. She has officiated for Conference USA since 2007, with assignments including the Senior Bowl, the Pizza Bowl, the Fight Hunger Bowl, the

Medal of Honor Bowl, and the league championship game in 2010 and '14.

Thomas officiated two seasons in the United Football League, which is now out of business.

"If you look at Sarah's background and her journey to get here, this is not something that happened overnight," said Dean Blandino, the NFL's vice president of officiating.

"She's been officiating 20 years and been on our radar screen for 8-9 years."

Thomas worked a Ravens preseason game last year, and coach John Harbaugh said that "she might be one of the better ones we've had."

"She's a good ref," he added, "so it was a good choice."

Shannon Eastin worked regular-season NFL games in 2012 as a replacement official, making her the first woman to do so in any capacity. She also was a line judge.

Thomas played softball and basketball growing up and earned a college hoops scholarship to NAIA University of Mobile. □

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She reached the semifinals here, starting a run where she advanced to the French Open semifinals and Wimbledon final.

Bouchard has not played like that this year, losing her opening tournament match for a second straight event after falling to Tatjana Maria at the Miami Open.

Davis, a 21-year-old American, was the aggressor throughout, something Bouchard didn't fully understand.

"I was definitely a little bit slow today, overpowered," Bouchard said. "Usually, I'm the one dominating. So it was definitely, just, I don't know, just not good."

Davis had lost the only career meeting with Bouchard, but was in control much of the way against the world's seventh-ranked player. Davis won nine of

the final 11 games of the match and broke Bouchard's serve twice in the final set to pull off the upset.

"I've never beaten her before, so I came out knowing I had nothing to lose," said Davis, ranked 66th in the world.

Bouchard was a semifinalist last year and, along with Makarova, one of only two top-10 players in the field. She wore a black wrap around her right ankle.

Davis used precise ground strokes to keep Bouchard on her heels throughout the second set. Davis broke Bouchard's serve at love to take a 3-1 lead as the 21-year-old Canadian had a double fault, then sailed a forehand long to fall behind.

Two games later, Davis hit a backhand to send back Bouchard's 102 mph serve for a winner down the left sideline and a 5-1 lead. The match ended on Bouchard's forehand into the net,



Lauren Davis, of the United States, returns to Eugenie Bouchard, of Canada, at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, S.C., Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

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Davis waving to the cheering crowd.

"I was pretty calm and relaxed about it," Davis said. "I was really happy inside." Bouchard's loss came a short time after No. 2 seed Ekaterina Makarova won her opening match over

Zhang Shuai 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, yet withdrew later because of a gastrointestinal illness.

Makarova felt stomach pain during her match with Zhang and saw trainers after the match. When things didn't get much better, she said she and her team

decided it was best to rest and get ready for the remainder of the clay-court season.

Her departure means 13th-seeded Irina-Camelia Begu, the 26-year-old Russian's next opponent, will advance to Friday's quarterfinals.

"I'm really disappointed to have to withdraw here in Charleston," Makarova said in a statement. "It's one of my favorite tournaments and I've really enjoyed my time here these past few days. Unfortunately, I felt pain in my stomach today during the match and called the trainers, but it hasn't got any better."

Makarova overcame a slow start to get past Zhang. Makarova, who lost in the doubles finals at the Miami Open on Sunday, said she hadn't gotten to practice on clay before arriving at the Family Circle Tennis Center. □

## Computer users face hard choice \_ pay ransom or lose files

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — It's a chilling moment: A message appears on a computer screen, saying the files are encrypted and the only way to access them is by paying a ransom.

It happened at Jeff Salter's home health care business last December. The network of nearly 30 computers at Caring Senior Service was infected with ransomware, malicious software that hackers use to try to extort money from people and businesses by preventing them from opening or using documents, pictures, spreadsheets and other files. If computer users don't pay, there's no way they can access their files.

Ransomware is one of the fastest-growing forms of hacking, cybersecurity experts say. Anyone from a home computer user to a Fortune 500 company can be infected. It can also attack smartphones. The smaller the users, the more vulnerable they are to losing their files — unless they have a secure backup for their system or go through the complicated process of paying cybercriminals. Salter thought he was prepared for such an invasion. Most of his files were

backed up in a place hackers couldn't access, and he was able to restore his information. But one machine wasn't; it contained marketing materials for his San Antonio-based

attach computer code even to well-known sites operated by tech-savvy companies, says technology consultant Greg Miller of CMIT Solutions of Goshen, New York.



In this Wednesday, April 1, 2015 photo, Jeff Salter, CEO of Caring Senior Service, poses for a photo in his company office building in San Antonio.

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franchise chain with 55 locations. Salter paid a \$500 ransom.

"It would have cost us \$50,000 to try to spend the time to recreate the stuff," Salter says. "It would have been pretty devastating if we'd lost all that."

### EVERYONE'S AT RISK

Like many hackers' tools, ransomware can arrive in emails with links or attachments that, when clicked on, unleash software into files. Attacks can also occur when users visit websites; cybercriminals can

Anyone can be hit: individuals, big and small companies, even government agencies. The Durham, New Hampshire, police department was attacked by ransomware in June when an employee clicked on a legitimate-looking email. The department's 20 computers were cleared of the ransomware and files were restored from a backup system. The Swansea, Massachusetts, police department, meanwhile, had to pay a \$750 ransom after it was attacked.

"We certainly are seeing ransomware as a common threat out there," says FBI Special Agent Thomas Grasso, who is part of the government's efforts to fight malicious software including ransomware.

Attacks are generally random, but specific companies and people can be targeted. Many small businesses and individuals are at risk because they lack technology teams and sophisticated software to protect them from hackers, says Keith Jarvis, a vice president at Dell SecureWorks, a security arm of the computer maker. Many don't have secure backup systems that will allow them to retrieve uninfected files. Hackers can invade computers at large companies, as seen in attacks at companies like retailer Target Corp. that stole customer information. Big companies' risks from ransomware are relatively low; they have backups and separate computers for departments like sales or accounting, Jarvis says. An email click in one department could infect one or more computers, but likely wouldn't spread elsewhere.

Cyber criminals are starting to target small businesses

more than in the past because they're vulnerable, says Liam O'Murchu, a security executive at antivirus software maker Symantec Corp. Symantec and other companies involved in cybersecurity work with the government to try to identify hackers.

One way hackers fool small businesses is by attaching realistic-looking invoices to emails, O'Murchu says.

It's not known who the hackers are, he says. A version of ransomware called Cryptolocker was shut down in 2014. None of the hackers or groups of hackers have been caught.

### ATTACKED AND NO BACK-UP

A computer user gets a message saying files have been encrypted and is given instructions to pay a ransom, often between \$500 and \$700. Ransoms must be paid in bitcoins, an online currency.

If files are backed up securely, users can remove infected files and software from a computer and reset it to what's called factory condition. Files from the backup sites are then restored to the computer.

Freelance writer Sandra Gordon paid \$637 when her computer was infected in January. □

## He's back: Mark Pincus returns to Zynga as CEO

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mark Pincus is back as CEO of Zynga, the struggling online game company he founded in 2007.

He's taking back the reins from Don Mattrick, the former head of Microsoft's Xbox division who took over from Pincus two years ago.

The San Francisco company says Mattrick is out as CEO and as a board member and Zynga employee, effective Wednesday.

Zynga is best known for games such as "FarmVille" and "Words With Friends." In its heyday, it was by far the most popular compa-

ny on Facebook, but lost luster in recent years as people moved on to other games and to mobile devices.

Now, Zynga bills itself a "mobile-first" company. It says 60 percent of its bookings come from mobile players, up from 27 percent when Mattrick joined in 2013.

But its stock price hasn't followed. Mattrick was supposed to turn things around, but Zynga's stock is nearly the same as when he started and less than a third of the price of its 2011 initial public offering, \$10. "I believe the timing is now right for me to leave as CEO and let Mark lead

the company into its next chapter," Mattrick said in a statement, adding that he plans to return to Canada to "pursue my next challenge."

While Zynga did not give a reason for his departure, the company's regulatory filings shed some light to the process. In July, Zynga said in a filing that Mattrick would only be entitled to severance pay and accelerated vesting of his stock units if the company terminates Mattrick without a cause, or if he "resigns in a constructive termination." Based on Wednesday's filing, he is getting all the severance pay he was entitled to. This includes \$4



In this Tuesday, June 26, 2012, file photo, Zynga CEO Mark Pincus speaks during an announcement at Zynga headquarters in San Francisco.

Associated Press

million in severance pay, the accelerated vesting of 5.1 million unvested stock units (worth about \$15 million) plus options to buy more, as well as a cash payments of either \$1 million or the cash bonus he would have been entitled to in 2015, whichever is less. Pincus will receive an annual salary of \$1. He also owns more than 9 percent of Zynga's stock. Zynga's shares fell 30 cents, or 10.3 percent, to \$2.60 in after-hours trading following the announcement. □

## Stronger U.S. economy and dollar tighten Latin American ties

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In Mexico City, an auto parts company expects to ride a resurgent U.S. auto industry to \$1 billion in annual revenue by 2016.

In Bogota, Colombia, a company that makes plastic water valves is hoping an expansion into the United States will super-charge its exports. In Brazil, firms that make ceramic tiles predict they'll beat last year's robust sales abroad, thanks to a strong U.S. dollar that gives them a price advantage in the United States.

Across Latin America, companies increasingly are looking north for business. The prospect of tighter commercial ties across the Americas has handed the United States a chance to reclaim some of the regional economic and political clout it lost to a surging China over the past decade. President Barack Obama will be given a big opportunity to re-engage more vigorously with the new regional landscape at the Summit of the Americas Friday and Saturday in Panama City.



**In this July 14, 2012 file photo, trucker Miguel Gospodneich watches as soybeans are loaded into his truck to be transported for sale at a farm near Pergamino, Argentina. Associated Press**

"It's a perfect time for the U.S. to reset in Latin America," says Kevin Gallagher, professor of international relations at Boston University.

As its economy slows, China needs less Venezuelan oil, Chilean copper and other Latin American commodities. Meanwhile, the U.S. economy is nearly back to full strength after a long, slow comeback from the Great Recession

of 2007-2009.

Currency swings are also pulling Latin American companies north. The U.S. dollar is up 41 percent against the Brazilian real, 34 percent against the Colombian peso and 15 percent against the Mexican peso since June 30. A strong dollar makes Latin American products cheaper in the United States, giving the region's exporters a competitive

edge.

What's more, Obama's diplomatic opening to Cuba removed a major source of tension between the U.S. and the region. To be sure, no one expects China to disappear from Latin America. It will remain as a major trading partner and financier. Chinese state-owned banks last year loaned \$22 billion to Latin America, more than traditional lenders

the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank combined. And many Latin American countries remain wary of the United States, which has a history of interfering in regional politics.

### HOW CHINA ROSE IN LATIN AMERICA

China has rapidly gained economic influence in Latin America. In 2000, it absorbed barely 1 percent of the goods Latin America exported. By 2013, China's share had risen past 10 percent. Over the same period, the U.S. share dropped from 58 percent in 2000 to less than 40 percent, as China and other developing countries absorbed more Latin American products, according to United Nations figures analyzed by the Brookings Institution. China's trade with Latin America has been narrowly focused: Raw materials account for nearly 60 percent of the region's exports to China, high tech products less than 5 percent, the UN says. Chinese demand for raw materials such as oil, copper and iron ore set off a commodities boom in Latin America.□



**This Oct. 2, 2014 file photo shows the facade of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York. Associated Press**

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Deal news gave the stock market a lift Wednesday.

Health care stocks rose after generic drugmaker Mylan bid \$29 billion for rival Perrigo. That offset a slump in energy stocks prompted by a big drop in oil prices.

In Europe, oil company Royal Dutch Shell agreed to buy BG Group for \$69.7

billion in cash and stock. Corporations worldwide are seeking to increase growth through acquisitions and have announced almost \$1 trillion of deals so far this year, according to data provider Dealogic. That's giving a boost to stock markets as the acquiring companies typically offer a premium for their targets.

"There's obviously the big debate about whether

## Stocks edge higher as health care gains on deal news

(deals are) value-creating or value-destroying," said Dan Morris, Global Investment Strategist at investment company TIAA-CREF. "But in the short term it is generally good for markets."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.57 points, or 0.3 percent, at 2,081.90. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 27.09 points at 17,902.51. The Nasdaq composite gained 40.59 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,950.82.

Investors were also parsing the minutes from the latest Federal Reserve meeting for clues about the timing of a possible interest rate increase, and waiting for companies to start reporting their first-quarter earnings.

Alcoa, a metals maker, one of the first major companies to report earnings, said after the close that its revenue fell short of analysts' expectations. Its stock slid 47 cents, or 3.6 percent, to \$13.21 in after-hours trading.

Overall, earnings per share are projected to decline by about 3 percent for S&P 500 companies, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. That would be the first contraction since the third quarter of 2009, when the economy was emerging from the Great Recession.

On Wednesday, generic drugmaker Perrigo was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500. The stock surged \$30.29, or 18 percent, to \$195 after the Mylan announced that it had made

a cash-and-stock offer for the company. That's a premium of 24 percent to the latest closing price for Perrigo shares.

Both Mylan and Perrigo recently left the U.S. for Europe. If they combine they would form one of the world's largest makers of generic and over-the-counter generic medicines. Mylan's stock also rose, gaining \$8.79, or 15 percent, to \$68.36.

Energy stocks were the biggest decliners on the day, slumping as the price of oil plunged.

Oil fell nearly 7 percent, its biggest drop in two months, after the Energy Department reported an increase in oil storage that was about three times what analysts had expected.□

## And Now, Political Virgins



**Gail Collins**  
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On Tuesday in Texas, the state House of Representatives voted to take \$3 million earmarked for prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, and spend it instead on abstinence-only sex education. It was a fascinating moment - particularly when the sponsor of the motion, a Republican named Stuart Spitzer, told the House that he had been a virgin until he got married at age 29.

"What's good for me is good for a lot of people," he said.

This had historic reverberations. Several years ago, then-Gov. Rick Perry conducted a fabled interview with The Texas Tribune in which Perry defended the state's stress on abstinence-only sex education while his interviewer pointed out that Texas had one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the country.

"I'm just going to tell you from my own personal life. Abstinence works," Perry retorted.

Does Texas traditionally decide state policy based on politicians' sexual history? If so, that's terrifying.

The debate in Austin degenerated when a Democrat demanded to know whether Rep. Spitzer - who, I have to point out, is a doctor - had ever tried to proposition other women before his wife accepted.

That was going overboard. The Democrats should have stuck with their earlier lines of argument, which included pointing out that Texas gets more federal money for abstinence-only sex education than any other state, and that Texas has a teen birth-rate that is almost twice as high as California's, which has completely barred schools from limiting their courses on sex to the advisability of not having any.

All that was news to Spitzer, who did admit that abstinence-only education "may not be working well." This had no effect whatsoever on his insistence that Texas needed to do more of it. His proposal passed and went to the state Senate.

So that was lawmaking on sex in Texas. Meanwhile, over in Arizona, the state Legislature was passing a bill that requires doctors who perform drug-induced abortions to tell their patients that the procedure may be reversible, even though most scientists say it isn't.

This business of legislating fiction is rather widespread. The

Guttmacher Institute, which keeps track of these things, has counted 12 states where women seeking abortions have to be informed that a 20-week-old fetus can feel pain, research to the contrary notwithstanding. Four states require that women be given inaccurate portrayals of the effects of an abortion on future fertility. In five states, a woman who wants an abortion has to be informed that abortions are linked to an increased risk of breast cancer.

I'm working up to a point here. The nation is becoming more rational about gay sex and more irrational about heterosexual sex. Who would have thought?

Gay residents of Indiana had a big victory this week when the Legislature there amended a "freedom of religion" law it had just passed, making clear that nothing in it would permit businesses to discriminate against, say, same-sex weddings. Social conservatives are fuming, since discriminating against same-sex weddings was the entire point.

But the business community rose up in support of gay rights, just as it did last year when the same thing happened in Arizona. Politicians retreated in terror. By summer, most observers expect the Supreme Court to declare that gay Americans have a constitutional right to get married. And then the battle will pretty much be won.

But heterosexual women are being pushed further and further back. The good old Guttmacher Institute recently reported that during the first three months of the year, nearly 800 proposals relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights were introduced in state legislatures. It was probably inevitable that once gay Americans started coming out of the closet and revealing that they were everybody's friends, relatives and next-door neighbors, acceptance would follow. I always think about my mother, a conservative Catholic in Ohio, who had amazing gay caregivers in her later years and wound up riding on a float in Cincinnati's gay pride parade.

Abortion is no longer the dark secret it used to be, but women who've had an abortion generally don't think of it as part of their identity, any more than they identify themselves as consumers of birth-control pills or wearers of IUDs. That kind of stuff is private. Which is the exact reason politicians need to keep their hands off. But they don't, and the business community certainly didn't rise up when Indiana became one of the first states to enact a ban on abortions after 20 weeks. Nobody called for a boycott when the state Legislature required that women seeking to end their pregnancies be informed that life begins at conception.

If male legislators could get pregnant, we'd have a different story. Except, of course, for the ones in Texas who are saving themselves for marriage. □



## Power and Paychecks



**Paul Krugman**  
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On Wednesday, McDonald's - which has been facing demonstrations denouncing its low wages - announced that it would give workers a raise. The pay increase won't, in itself, be a very big deal: the new wage floor is just \$1 above the local minimum wage, and even that policy applies only to outlets McDonald's owns directly, not the many outlets owned by people who bought franchises. But it's at least possible that this latest announcement, like Wal-Mart's much bigger pay-raise announcement a couple of months ago, is a harbinger of an important change in U.S. labor relations.

Maybe it's not that hard to give American workers a raise, after all.

Most people would surely agree that stagnant wages, and more broadly the shrinking number of jobs that can support middle-class status, are big problems for this country. But the general attitude to the decline in good jobs is fatalistic. Isn't it just supply and demand? Haven't labor-saving technology and global competition made it impossible to pay decent wages to workers unless they have a lot of education? Strange to say, however, the more you know about labor economics the less likely you are to share this fatalism. For one thing, global competition is overrated as a factor in labor markets; yes, manufacturing faces a lot more

competition than it did in the past, but the great majority of American workers are employed in service industries that aren't exposed to international trade. And the evidence that technology is pushing down wages is a lot less clear than all the harrumphing about a "skills gap" might suggest.

Even more important is the fact that the market for labor isn't like the markets for soybeans or pork bellies. Workers are people; relations between employers and employees are more complicated than simple supply and demand. And this complexity means that there's a lot more wiggle room in wage determination than conventional wisdom would have you believe. We can, in fact, raise wages significantly if we want to.

How do we know that labor markets are different? Start with the effects of minimum wages. There's a lot of evidence on those effects: Every time a state raises its minimum wage while neighboring states don't, it, in effect, performs a controlled experiment. And the overwhelming conclusion from all that evidence is that the effect you might expect to see - higher minimum wages leading to fewer jobs - is weak to nonexistent. Raising the minimum wage makes jobs better; it doesn't seem to make them scarcer.

How is that possible? At least part of the answer is that workers are not, in fact, commodities. A bushel of soybeans doesn't care how much you paid for it; decently paid workers tend to do a better job, not to mention being less likely to quit and require replacement, than workers paid the absolute minimum an employer can get away with. As a result, raising the minimum wage, while it makes labor more expensive, has offsetting benefits that tend to lower costs, limiting any adverse effect on jobs.

Similar factors explain another

puzzle about labor markets: the way different firms in what looks like the same business can pay very different wages. The classic comparison is between Wal-Mart (with its low wages, low morale, and very high turnover) and Costco (which offers higher wages and better benefits, and makes up the difference with better productivity and worker loyalty). True, the two retailers serve different markets; Costco's merchandise is higher-end and its customers more affluent. But the comparison nonetheless suggests that paying higher wages costs employers a lot less than you might think.

And this, in turn, suggests that it shouldn't be all that hard to raise wages across the board. Suppose we were to give workers some bargaining power by raising minimum wages, making it easier for them to organize, and, crucially, aiming for full employment rather than finding reasons to choke off recovery despite low inflation. Given what we now know about labor markets, the results might be surprisingly big - because a moderate push might be all it takes to persuade much of American business to turn away from the low-wage strategy that has dominated our society for so many years.

There's historical precedent for this kind of wage push. The middle-class society now dwindling in our rearview mirrors didn't emerge spontaneously; it was largely created by the "great compression" of wages that took place during World War II, with effects that lasted for more than a generation.

So can we repeat this achievement? The pay raises at Wal-Mart and McDonald's - brought on by a tightening job market plus activist pressure - offer a small taste of what could happen on a vastly larger scale. There's no excuse for wage fatalism. We can give American workers a raise if we want to. □

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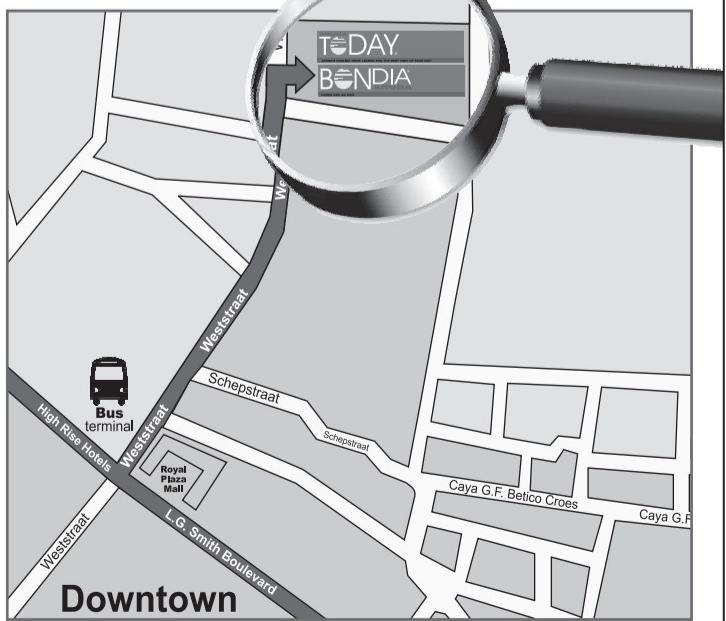
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## Study: Short people's genes may confer higher heart risks

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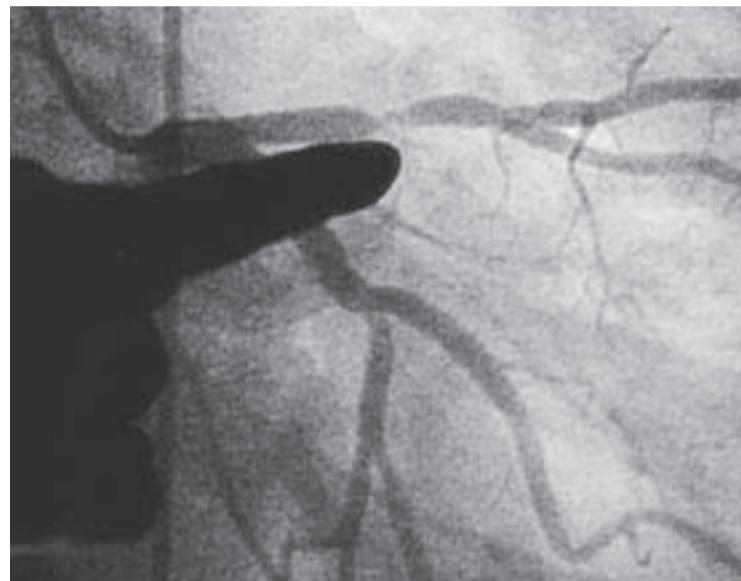
AP Chief Medical Writer

Short people have more risk for heart disease, and now researchers may know why: Genes that govern height also seem to affect cholesterol, especially in men.

Doctors have suspected that height and heart risks are related. Shorter people are more prone to heart attacks, high blood pressure and diabetes than taller people are, but the reason has been unclear. Earlier studies that made this link did it by comparing heart risks in groups of people according to their height. But that method makes it hard to rule out the influence of smoking, weight, nutrition and other things. The new study looked at genes, a factor present from birth. About 180 gene variations are known to affect height.

Dr. Nilesh Samani at the University of Leicester in England collected information from researchers around the world on 65,000 people with known risk for heart disease (two-thirds had already had a heart attack) and a comparison group of about 128,000 others.

First, researchers verified that stature played a role: The risk of coronary artery disease — clogged arteries — rose 13.5 percent with each 6.5 centimeter (about 2.5 inches) de-



In this Monday, June 24, 2002 file photo, a doctor points to an image of a coronary artery with 80-90 percent blockage in St. Louis.

Associated Press

crease in height.

Next, they looked for an explanation. Studying 12 risk factors, they found two were related to genes regulating height: LDL or bad cholesterol, and triglycerides, another type of fat in the blood.

The message, said Dr. James Stein, a preventive cardiologist at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, is that "people who are very short should be more rigorous about their lifestyle and control of their risk factors." One theory for the disadvantage is that short people have smaller arteries, so it may take less plaque to clog them. But

researchers say this can't be the whole explanation. Women have smaller arteries than men, yet when the study results were analyzed by gender, height was clearly linked to heart risks only in men. However, there were fewer women in the study with heart problems, so this could have made it tough to spot a possible effect.

"I suspect it applies; they just couldn't show it," Stein said. The study was published online Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine. The British Heart Foundation and other health groups paid for the work. □

## Scientists map Caribbean seafloor as part of 12-year project

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— U.S. scientists on Tuesday completed a nearly two-week mission to explore waters around the U.S. Virgin Islands as part of a 12-year project to map the Caribbean seafloor and help protect its reefs.

A team with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration studied an area of 270 square miles (700 square kilometers), using equipment including underwater gliders and a remotely operated vehicle to help map the seafloor and locate areas where fish spawn. They focused mostly on the southern coast of St. Croix and the northwestern coast of St.



This April 6, 2005 file photo shows a coral reef and fish on a snorkeling trail off Buck Island near St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Associated Press

Thomas. "It's a relatively unexplored but believed to be rich ecosystem," lead researcher Tim Battista said by telephone. "We're able to map large areas that you couldn't do with just divers." The information will be used in efforts to conserve coral reefs as well as to update navigational charts and help government officials manage and better protect fish populations. Reefs across the Caribbean have shrunk by more than 50 percent since the 1970s, with experts blaming climate change as well as a drop in the populations of parrotfish and sea urchins. □

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**MESFIN FEKADU**  
**AP Music Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Empire" is a powerhouse, but it might have just received its biggest endorsement: Mick Jagger says he's a fan of the musical drama series. "It's been very successful and it's great that a show about music can be that successful and it's good for everybody. And I think it's a really good show," Jagger said in a phone interview Tuesday.

Last month's season finale for the hit Fox series drew 17.6 million viewers in the second hour of the two-hour event; the first hour scored 15.8 million viewers. Jagger said he's talked with series creator Lee Daniels.

"I met Lee in Los Angeles during Oscar week and we had a nice (time), went to a couple parties," Jagger said. "We were sort of joking around about the music-TV business."

"Empire" stars Taraji P. Hensen as Cookie and Terrence Howard as Lucious Lyon. The show has featured a number of top stars in music, including Courtney Love, Snoop Dogg and Mary J. Blige. Could the 71-year-old Jagger be next? □

"I think Lee would have asked me already," he said, laughing. "But who knows? Stranger things have happened."

Jagger isn't a stranger to acting and production, though: Last year he produced both a feature film and documentary on James Brown, and he's now working on a HBO rock series that will feature his son James. The untitled show, about the music scene in 1970s New York, will be produced with Martin Scorsese and written by "Boardwalk Empire" creator Terence Winter.

"I'm working on the HBO show quite a lot, and that's in the writing stage. So we're writing, and shooting in May, so that's a lot on my mind," Jagger said. "And there's some projects, some film things I'm doing, so I'm quite busy with that. But now I've got to concentrate more on doing this (upcoming) live tour."

The Rolling Stones recently announced a 15-city Zip Code stadium tour of North America, to launch May 24 at Petco Park in San Diego, California.

Pre-sale tickets are available starting Wednesday and general tickets go on sale Monday. □

## Duo of rapper Wale, Jerry Seinfeld land at No.1 with album

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**Associated Press**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Wale always wanted to feature Jerry Seinfeld in his music, but didn't know how to reach the superstar actor-comedian, who initially knew nothing about the rapper.

But then the Grammy-nominated performer met Seinfeld's wife, a Wale fan and hip-hop enthusiast.

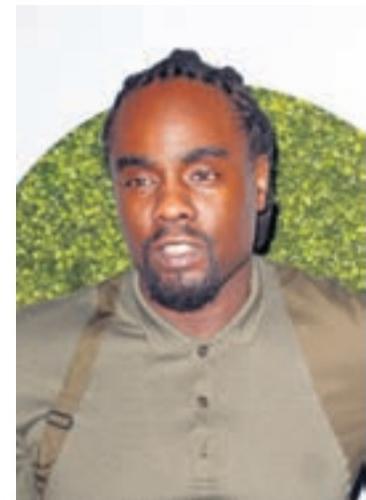
"She's a big hip-hop fan and of my music," Wale said of Jessica Seinfeld, a cookbook author and philanthropist who Wale said has many friends in the hip-hop industry, including Jay Z. "She was the middle man on a lot of things because Jerry is super busy. He's not an easy person to reach. But she was able to put it all together."

Sure, some would call Wale and Seinfeld an odd couple. But when they met, Wale said, they instantly clicked.

The duo spent two years working together and Wale calls their chemistry "natural." Now, the rapper is eager for listeners to hear the finish product, "The Album About Nothing," which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart this week and dethroned Kendrick Lamar's "To Pimp a Butterfly."

"I liked his outlook on certain things. He's super smart," Wale said of Seinfeld. "He's a wise person that I can learn a lot from and knows about the entertainment business."

Seinfeld isn't rapping on



In this Dec. 4, 2014 file photo, rapper Wale attends the 2014 GQ Men of the Year Party in Los Angeles. In this March 4, 2015 file photo, Jessica Seinfeld, left, and Jerry Seinfeld attend the inaugural Los Angeles Baby Buggy Fatherhood Lunch in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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the album. Instead, he is what Wale calls the album's "narrator," offering his insightful commentary on each track to bring clarity to the rapper's lyrics.

"He laid the foundation of most of the songs, so in the concept of the album, he's the other voice," Wale said.

The album also includes dialogue from the epic "Seinfeld" series, much like Wale's previous mixtapes, "Mixtape About Nothing" and "More About Nothing."

Wale, whose hits include "Lotus Flower Bomb" and "Bad," also tackles serious topics on his fourth album: He opens up about his former girlfriend's miscarriage and his cousin's death. The performer, 31, said he fell into depression and turned to drugs following those hardships.

"That was a tough period

for me. It was a struggle for me after those incidents. Everything almost happened at once," Wale said.

Wale said he was also unhappy with the direction of his career, believing he wasn't getting the same respect as his competitors like Lamar, Drake and J. Cole. He said reading negative comments on social media about his music and character disturbed him, though he didn't let it completely dominate his thoughts.

"I know I'm in good company," he said. "Each of them has told me my work was incredible. ... It's frustrating sometimes when people let things outside my music dictate their feelings about me. But at the end of the day, the respect of my peers is all that matters." □

## Ben Bernanke memoir will be titled 'The Courage to Act'

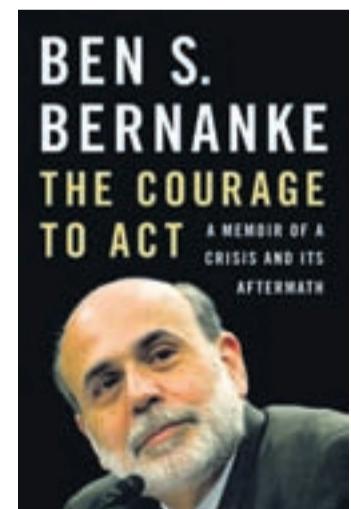
**NEW YORK (AP)** — The memoir by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke will be called "The Courage to Act" and is coming out in October.

The title and release date were announced Wednesday by publisher W.W. Norton & Co. The deal was originally reported last year, soon after Bernanke com-

pleted his second of two 4-year terms as chairman. Bernanke plans to focus on the Fed's response to the financial crisis of 2008. □

This book cover image released by W.W. Norton & Co. shows the upcoming memoir by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, titled, "The Courage to Act," expected in October.

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## Mischa Barton sues mother over lost earnings

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Mischa Barton has sued her mother, alleging she stole money that the former star of the television series "The O.C." earned throughout her career and made endorsement deals that damaged the actress's reputation.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday in Los Angeles also accuses Nuala Barton of kicking her daughter out of a multimillion-dollar Beverly Hills home that was purchased with money earned while Mischa Barton was a child actress.

Mischa Barton was 17 when she began working on "The O.C." and already had appeared in the films "Notting Hill" and "The Sixth Sense."

Nuala Barton served as her daughter's manager throughout her career. The lawsuit accuses Nuala Barton of bullying her daughter, and states she has been fired from her management role.

"While Barton was busy perfecting her craft and turning her acting dreams

into reality, her mother, defendant Nuala Barton, was secretly scheming to exploit Barton's burgeoning career for her benefit," the lawsuit states.



In this June 1, 2014 file photo, actress Mischa Barton appears at The Pool After Dark at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, N.J.

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A message left at a phone number listed for Nuala Barton was not immediately returned.

The lawsuit also claims the

mother is withholding royalties and lied about the amount the actress was paid for a 2013 film so she could pocket the difference, in addition to her

to focus on movie roles. She has appeared in several small films and a short-lived CW series but has garnered no high-profile roles. She has been a fixture in the fashion world, appearing at shows for top designers in New York and Paris, and has endorsed beauty products and collaborated on her own line of fashion accessories.

The lawsuit contends some of the endorsements were entered without the actress's permission, and she wasn't properly paid for the use of her name and likeness in connection with a handbag line and a London boutique.

"Nuala did not compensate Barton for the use of her name, image and likeness, nor did she share in any of the profits from these ventures with Barton," the lawsuit states. "This is all despite the fact that the businesses were built solely on Barton's

fame and popularity."

Barton's mother bought a \$7.8 million home in Beverly Hills in 2006 using her daughter's earnings and gave herself an ownership interest in the property, the lawsuit states. Mischa Barton is no longer allowed at the home, according to the lawsuit.

The actress encountered a rough period after her role ended on "The O.C." She was arrested in late 2007 on suspicion of drunken driving and later pleaded no contest to driving under the influence and driving without a valid license. She was sentenced to three years of probation and alcohol treatment and completed the case without incident.

Mischa Barton was removed from her home by Los Angeles police in 2009 and was hospitalized for two weeks, but officers and her publicist declined to say why. □

## Elton John, Michael Stipe call for protection of transgender inmates



In this Feb. 28, 2015 file photo, singer-songwriter Elton John performs during his "All the Hits Tour 2015" at the Santander Arena in Reading, Pa.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Elton John and Michael Stipe are calling for the equal rights of transgender inmates following claims that a transgender woman was mistreated at a Georgia prison.

Last week the Justice Department said prison officials must treat an inmate's gender identity condition just as they would treat any other medical or mental health condition following a February lawsuit from the Southern Poverty Law Center filed against Georgia Department of Corrections officials on behalf of Ashley Diamond, a transgender woman.

"Transgender women in male prisons have an equal right to protection from violence and abuse in prison, and yet they continue to face horrific injustices," according to a joint statement they released Tuesday.

According to the lawsuit, prison officials did not provide sufficient treatment for 36-year-old Diamond's gender dysphoria. The

lawsuit also said Diamond was without hormone treatment for three years and her body suffered as a result, and that she had been sexually assaulted and ridiculed in prison.

"More often than not, assaults in part go the perpetrators are prison guards, wardens and staff," said Stipe and John, who founded the Elton John AIDS Foundation. "This is outrageous, and the message it sends is horrific: that violence against and discrimination of trans people is not only allowed, but sanctioned."

Last week, a judge ordered California's corrections department to provide a transgender inmate with sex-reassignment surgery. It was the first time such an operation has been ordered in the state. □

## Newly discovered Cezanne sketches to be displayed in U.S.



Displayed is one of two previously unknown sketches by Paul Cezanne during an exhibition preview, April 8, 2015, at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia.

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**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — A pair of previously unknown sketches by Paul Cezanne will be displayed in Philadelphia following their recent discovery on the backs of two watercolors. They'll be on view at the Barnes Foundation in double-sided frames, with both sides visible, from Friday through May 18. One sketch is in graphite, the other in watercolor.

The art institution says the images were uncovered during conservation work on two Cezanne paintings depicting the landscape of southern France. Officials say the sketches haven't been seen since at least the early 20th century. Following their display to the public, the watercolors will be returned to their original locations on the walls of the Barnes. □

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